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Student Assembly aproves plan to keep ESPN, drop MSG and Family Favorites

by Ian Mandel '06
NEWS EDITOR

Using the results of an online student poll conducted by the Hamilton College Cable Committee, Student Assembly has approved a plan to limit the College's cable costs. The Cable Committee conducted its poll from Tuesday, October 21 until Thursday, October 23.

The first question asked students to choose between the Madison Square Garden Network (MSG) and the ESPN Network, which includes ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN Classic and ESPNews. An overwhelming majority of 643 respondents preferred to keep ESPN, while only seventy-two preferred MSG.

The second question asked students if they were opposed to dropping the Family Favorites Package, which includes American Movie Classics, Animal Planet, and the ABC Family Channel, "to help subsidize the college's cable TV bill." 547 respondents declared they were "Not opposed to drop package to help subsidize costs," while 166 were "Opposed to dropping this package."

Using the information gathered from these questions, the Cable Committee recommended that the College drop MSG and the Family Favorites Package and keep ESPN; this recommendation was accepted and passed by Student Assembly. The subtraction will cut $9,500 from the College's yearly cable bill.

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Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity regains "full recognition status" for first time since March 2000

by Ian Mandel '06
NEWS EDITOR

The Alpha Delta Phi fraternity (AD) received notice from the College last week that it has been taken off of Social Probation, returning the society to "full recognition status" for the first time since April of 2000. AD President Mike Galante '04 received the news in a letter from Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell, dated October 28, 2003.

Hamilton suspended AD's recognition by the College on March 31, 2000, following an investigation of the society's annual Mardi Gras party, in which then Hamilton College President Eugene M. Tobin concluded that AD failed to conduct the party in "a safe and responsible manner."

During their two year suspension, AD could not "use campus facilities, recruit new members, or use the College's name," according to the All-Student email written by Tobin, announcing the suspension.

Problems arose for AD after the emergency room physician at a local hospital contacted the director of the Department of Campus Safety, informing her the hospital had treated several students who had attended the party.

"The College's investigation revealed that the fraternity had violated Hamilton College policy by allowing all guests access to alcohol, regardless of their age or prior level of intoxication," Tobin went on in the email. He concluded by stating, "Under no circumstances may Alpha Delta Phi apply for reinstatement prior to the start of the 2002-2003 academic year. The future status of the chapter at Hamilton will be determined by the organization's compliance with the terms of this decision."

Galante expressed his opinion that the length of the suspension was a result a number of campus events, not just the March 4, Mardi Gras party.

"I think at that time, our society was the last straw for the administration who felt they needed to crack down. Unfortunately it was us who got it," Galante said. "Obviously I wasn't here, so I don't know, but I think the school was setting an example to the rest of the school: don't mess up, make sure you're IDing at the door, or you're going to get kicked off campus."

As the two year deadline approached in the spring of 2002, AD attempted to begin the process of their reinstatement.

According to Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell there was initially no support in the InterSociety Council for the reinstatement of AD.

"We've tried to involve the ISC in governing, or at least being a step in the governance of,

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Speakers discuss harsh realities of eating disorders

by Emma Furman '07
NEWS WRITER

For the third consecutive year, Hamilton Peers Educating Peers (HPEP), a student run organization that receives funding from the Hamilton College Health Center, hosted their Eating Disorders Panel Discussion. The event was sponsored by Hamilton's Health Center, and took place on Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00pm.

This year a variety of speakers, five in all, talked to and answered the questions from an eager and appreciative audience. The audience itself was impressive, filling almost every seat in KJ's Red Pit, with even more people spilling out into the aisles and sitting, scattered on the floor. A relaxed atmosphere resulted, where both speakers and audience members seemed to feel extremely comfortable sharing experiences and advice. The discussion lasted almost two hours and included a wide range of information on eating disorders, including anorexia, bulimia, and binge eating. This topic is extremely pertinent to college students due to the frequency of eating disorders on college campuses. According to information distributed by HPEP, 5% of college-age women become anorexic or bulimic. This disturbing fact becomes even more so when followed by the statistic that anorexia has a 20% mortality rate, the highest of any psychiatric disease.

HPEP realized the importance of openly and comfortably discussing eating disorders and the many issues that arise from them, such as recognizing them, aiding friends who have them, and possible treatments. Instrumental in putting together the discussion panel were HPEP leaders Adrienne Taylor '04, Becky Conrey '05, Carla Fabrizi '04, and Ashley Jaffee-Anechiarico '04.

The panel included two student speakers, both of whom preferred to be remain unnamed. They revealed their personal stories, experiences with, and understanding of, eating disorders. These speakers stressed the importance of educating members of the Hamilton community and of the general public about eating disorders, their causes, and their dangers. Both speakers also illustrated a vivid picture of the emotional anxiety and stress that all those with eating disorders undergo. The necessity of having friends who care, and who are also willing to speak up and get them the help they so desperately need, was also a focal point of the talks.

They gave advice about how to help a friend you suspect might have an eating disorder, and how to get counseling or medical help for those who need it. Both stressed the extreme importance of letting your friends know you're always supporting them and of being there emotionally when they need to talk about their problems.

Christine Burns, a nurse practitioner and the Director of the Student Health Center, also spoke at the Panel Discussion. She reiterated how important it is for students to be supportive of their friends with eating disorders and encouraged them to help their friends get to the Health Center fo medical attention.

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Godine exposes secrets of Adirondaks

by Becky Ramsey '07
NEWS WRITER

In conjunction with the sophomore seminar, "Forever Wild: The Cultural and Natural Histories of the Adirondack Park," writer and curator Amy Godine addressed faculty and students on Wednesday.

Godine's lecture, "Lost in the Woods: The Other Adirondacks," covered the social history of various migrant groups who once populated the park. She challenged those attending to redraw their conception of the small, backwoods New York town.

Instead of focusing solely on "Main Street" and the permanent farms within the region, Godine argued that the less permanent "human communities" should also figure into these perceptions.

"We need a shift in the way we see our beloved Adirondack landscape," she said during the lecture.

PHOTO BY CAITLIN CUNNINGHAM '04

Lecturer Amy Godine challenged those in attendence to reevaluate their conceptions of Adirondak peoples.

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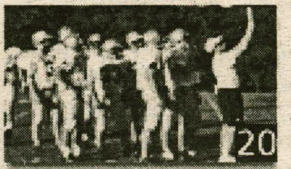

Gordon adresses Kennedy question

by Katie Seno '07
NEWS WRITER

November 22nd of this year marks the 40th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination in Dallas, Texas in 1963. On Tuesday, November 4th, CAB's Special Events Committee sponsored a lecture by Dr. Jack Gordon '72, in which he discussed his studies of the assassination of President Kennedy's assasination.

Gordon began his lecture by showing footage of the motorcade driving through Dallas on that Friday in 1963. He examined the shots fired and the actions of the surrounding observers from various angles. He pointed out many of the suspect details in the footage that were overlooked by the media, such as a strange man standing by a road sign, pumping and twirling an umbrella as Kennedy's car turned a corner on that perfectly sunny day, or the way the President's body recoiled after the shots, indicating that the gunfire was coming from two different directions.

Gordon moved on to discuss the Warren Commission, the formal investigative body on the assassination. He highlighted the bungled autopsy reports that completely contradicted the evidence of the Dallas doctors who first handled the President's body. The Commission described one of the bullets as having entered Kennedy's head from the back, despite the testimony of nine Parkland Hospital doctors, who stated that the skull was blown away in the back and that the wound to the front of his neck was an entrance wound.

First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy's testimony, which also stated something to that extent, was completely obliterated from the record.

Gordon even suggested that the autopsy was faked by the FBI, in order to create evidence to frame Lee Harvey Oswald. He pointed out strange "coincidences." For example, the man put in charge of the Warren Commission was fired by Kennedy shortly beforehand, and most of the key witnesses to the assassination died mysteriously before formally giving their testimony.

Dr. Gordon then focused his attention on the often-mentioned connection between politics and the media. For example, the information on the Watergate scandal that could have been released before the election in the fall of 1972, had it not been for William Paley's orders to suppress it. He mentioned that he often interviewed lower-level reporters who were ordered to overlook the overwhelming amount of evidence that pointed to suspicious activities from the direction of the infamous grassy knoll and the railroad yard behind it Examples include men in the area who claimed to be Secret Service agents, although all Secret Service agents on duty that day were accounted for in the motorcade, and a photograph of a man in a police officer's uniform firing a rifle from behind the wall on the grassy knoll. All major television networks and newspapers at the time, whose presidents were all well connected with some of the top politicians in the Kennedy administration, completely endorsed the "lone assassin theory."

All these factors, Gordon mused, hinted at an upper-level political conspiracy. Dr. Gordon's personal hypothesis about the Kennedy assassination is that it was a response to the affairs in Cuba at the time – a triad between organized crime, the CIA, and anti-Castro Cubans. He relayed some of the history behind the Kennedy family's ties to organized crime, Bobby Kennedy's attempts to crack down on it, and the connection between CIA and anti-Castro Cubans who trained under them.

College takes AD off social probation, ends 3 1/2 year process

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private societies, and so they weighed in on the issue of AD regaining its recognition, and originally in the February of '02 there was not support for that at that point," Mitchell said.

AD also received a letter from ISC that month, "because we weren't doing a good job controlling ourselves, we were still very visible... [the letter said] 'your suspension is still going on and you can't be doing this stuff.' Basically, [it was] scolding us for our actions," Galante said.

Yet, two months later, the ISC had changed its mind.

"In April of '02, the ISC wrote to me recommending that AD be reinstated," Mitchell said.

According to Galante, Tobin accepted the ISC's recommendation to reinstate the society, effective October 9, 2002, which was confirmed in a letter from Mitchell nine days later. The letter stated that as part of their reinstatement, AD would be placed on a status of social probation.

"Part of what we did in their reinstatement was to reinstate them and place them on social probation. And that's a parallel; students, disciplinarily speaking, who are suspended on an individual basis, are typically placed on probation for at least a semester when they come back just to help them get back on track and that was what happened when AD was reinstated. What that meant was that the suspension was lifted, but they were still on a probationary status and they had a number of things that they needed to do during that probationary period before they would be granted complete status," Mitchell said.

According to Mitchell, the earliest the society could have been allowed off of social probation was the end of the Spring 2003 semester; alcohol was not allowed to be served at any parties thrown by the society while on probation; finally, in order to be reinstated to full recognition status, AD was required to present a minimum of three campus-wide seminars.

"One specifically was to be focused on conducting or promoting safe environments for parties with alcohol. This was something they offered as an idea," Mitchell said.

Elias W. Leavenworth Professor of Economics James Bradfield gave the first installment of the Alpha Delta Phi Lecture Series. The lecture, titled "On the Economic Consequences of a War with Iraq," was presented on November 18, 2002.

The third lecture presented in the series, titled "The Effects of Alcohol and Dangerous Drinking," was presented by Gary Cohen, a prevention specialist at the Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism and Addictions. The talk was given on October 16, 2003.

With the completion of all sanctions imposed by the College, AD petitioned the administration for reinstatement.

"They have met all the requirements, and they have regained full recognition status, and the social probation has been removed," Mitchell said. "The status of probation was intended to help them get back on track rather than focusing on social events, to really focus on philanthropic activities, educational activities, both for themselves as a group and for the campus."

Galante expressed that, although AD is no longer on social probation, the society will remain under constant scrutiny.

"We think we're under a microscope," Galante said.

Mitchell insisted that all societies are treated equally, but admitted that societies repeatedly breaking College rules will be treated differently.

"I think it would probably be fair to say that if a group that had just come back from suspension did something else that might also warrant suspension, then the recent history would certainly come into consideration in determining how to respond to that situation. But, I don't think that we're applying different standards [than] to groups that are recognized," Mitchell said. "It doesn't mean that they are some how lesser or looked at differently than another group."

Galante was confident that the work AD has done over the past three and a half years to increase its community involvement will continue.

"We're just going to keep doing our philanthropic activities and help contributing to campus like we did last year. We're not just going to stop right now just because we're off social probation. We have a pretty strong philanthropic program and we also have a pretty strong lecture series," Gilante said.

Gilante cited CBS news anchor Bryant Gumbel and several state governors as possible future speakers in the Alpha Delta Phi Lecture Series.

Godine provides different perspective

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Godine identified many different groups who called the region home but seldom stayed in a specific place long enough to construct permanent dwellings. The indigenous Indians, for example, had traversed the park for centuries before the first European farmer ever saw the mountains. Peddlers and circus groups made rounds of the established communities. Waves of immigrants came to work in the budding industries of the 19th century.

These diverse groups, Godine argued, have been glossed over by most historic records concerning the Adirondacks. Lack of land ownership records, census figures, and other easily identifiable remnants of these numerous cultures has made them virtually extinct from the public memory.

The scarcity of specific accounts of these enclaves makes researching them at times complicated.

"Finding information pertaining to deeper demographic facts is the most difficult part of the research process," Godine said in an interview after the lecture.

Often, the information she needs lies within stacks of local records, mostly anecdotes, of a way of life that died out sometime in the early fifties.

"We have to move fast to get this stuff," Godine said.

This emerging body of research caught the attention of Professor of Biology Pat Reynolds and Professor of English Onno Oerleman, both instructors of the seminar on the Park, its literature, history, and ecology. They contacted Godine after hearing her talk at Mohawk Valley Community College some time before.

"We [the instructors] have specialties in science and literature, and while we certainly explore other fields with the class, we try to bring in speakers...that provide deep expertise in other disciplines," Reynolds said.

The talk also fit in with the class' study of social issues concerning the Adirondack Park.

"It's a whole other way of looking at history," Oerleman said after the lecture.

He explained that the miners and railroad workers were well known, but groups such as the peddlers, migrant farmers, and traveling performers are less well known.

"[The talk] really expands my awareness of the groups of migrants that came in to the area and their mobility," said Professor of Biology Ernest Williams, also in attendance.

For the past fifteen years, Godine has published extensively on this little queried topic. Her numerous articles appear in *Adirondack Life* and *Orion* magazines. She has co-written two books which feature sights in the park "off the beaten path," *The Adirondack Book : A Complete Guide and Adirondack Odysseys : Exploring Museums and Historic Places*. Her most recent exhibit to curate shows through February at the New York State Museum in Albany. It is entitled "Dreaming of Timbuctoo: From Africa to the Adirondacks".

New sophomore seminar to examine Lewis and Clark from all angles

by Bill Chenevert '05
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS EDITOR

The spring of 2004 marks the bicentennial of the expedition that Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and a small band of explorers embarked on at the request of Thomas Jefferson. They left from St. Louis, Missouri on the Missouri River, crossed the Great Plains, traversed the Rocky Mountains, and sailed down the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean. They were witnessing a part of America that had never been seen before, carefully documenting their observations regarding the vegetation, the landscapes, and the inhabitants.

Professors of History Maurice Isserman and Doug Ambrose will be teaming up with Professor of Biology Bill Pfitsch and Professor of Geology Todd Rayne to offer four sections of a new Sophomore Seminar: "On the Trail of Lewis & Clark: An Interdisciplinary Bicentennial Voyage of Discovery." It is de-

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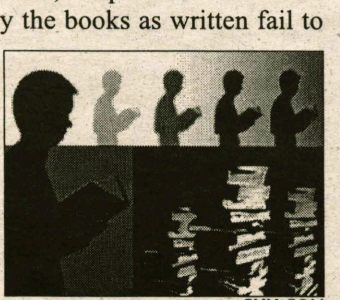
THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

Texas Textbook Vote Ruffles Religious Activists

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The State Board of Education voted Thursday to approve biology textbooks, despite criticism from religious activists who say the books as written fail to present the anti-evolution point of view.



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The vote was preliminary and the board was expected to give final approval Friday.

Some religious and alternative science groups had argued that weaknesses in the theory of evolution weren't adequately presented in the books. But scientists and educators argued that the theory of evolution is widely believed and is a cornerstone of modern scientific research.

Texas is the nation's second-largest buyer of textbooks, and textbooks sold in the state are often marketed by publishers elsewhere. Texas, California and Florida account for more than 30 percent of the nation's $4 billion public school book market. Three dozen publishers invest millions of dollars in Texas.

Some board members had asked to vote on the books one by one, but the motion was overturned and all were approved with one vote.

"I wish we'd had the opportunity to vote on each book because they're not the same," said board member Don McLeroy, one of the four board members who voted against adopting the books.

McLeroy called the presentation of evolution in most of the books "dogmatic."

"People don't realize the threat of scientific dogmatism," he said. "They're not looking for the truth."

Samantha Smoot, executive director of the Texas Freedom Network, commended the board. Smoot had been one of the most vocal supporters of presenting evolution in the textbooks.

"The voices of the science community have been loud and unified," Smoot said. "This is not a theory. There's no question about what whether evolution exists at all."

Critics had urged publishers to revise some of the books and wanted the board to reject others outright, saying they contain factual errors about the theory of evolution.

School Allows Jesus, Saddam Parade Floats

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — Young Republicans can topple Saddam Hussein and Christian athletes can let Jesus rock their night away at the homecoming parade after high school officials agreed Wednesday to let their floats roll.

After officials at Dr. Phillips High School raised concerns earlier this week that the floats might offend some people, the students involved contacted the Liberty Counsel, an Orlando-based conservative civil liberties legal group.

"Schools cannot censor the message just because they disagree with the message," said Mathew Stover, president and general counsel of the Liberty Counsel.

Students dropped their plans to sue on First Amendment grounds after school officials agreed to allow the floats in Thursday night's parade.

"Students will be able to express the essence of their clubs and maintain proper decorum for our high school event," Principal Gene Trochinski said in a statement.

The Young Republicans Club plans to have students in black T-shirts with the word "Evil" bowing before a statue of Saddam.

Other students in club T-shirts plan to chase the "Evil" students away with silly string, then topple the statue.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes plans a float urging students to "Let Jesus Rock Your Night Away," in which students will tear up signs with the words "sex," "suicide," "depression" and "drugs."

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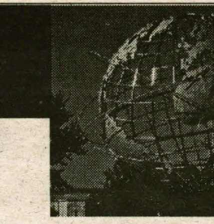

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Iraq Tried Last-Minute Deal to Avoid War

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Negotiators for Saddam Hussein tried to strike a last-minute deal with the Bush administration to avoid an invasion after realizing "the threat was real," a Lebanese-American businessman who tried to serve as a go-between said Thursday.

"These people feared for their life," Imad Hage said in an interview with The Associated Press. Hage said that in the 2 1/2 months before the United States invaded Iraq on March 20, he had six meetings with senior Iraqi intelligence officials and passed on details of his discussions to contacts at the Pentagon.

Baghdad's offer included allowing U.S. agents to search for weapons of mass destruction and a promise of oil contracts for American companies. The United States, though, wanted Saddam to step down, something the Iraqis did not propose, and U.S. officials said the offer Hage carried wouldn't have averted war.

"The United States exhausted every legitimate and credible opportunity to resolve this peacefully," presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said Thursday in Washington. "Saddam Hussein could have averted military action. He had a number of opportunities to do so."

Palestinian Leadership Crisis Intensifies

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — The Palestinian leadership crisis intensified Thursday, with the internationally respected finance minister staying away from his office in protest over political maneuvering that has delayed formation of a new Cabinet.

The deadlock between Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia is also holding up renewal of high-level contacts with Israel, and it might derail a conference of international donors who have been supporting the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority.

In violence Thursday, two Palestinians were killed - one a passenger who was shot in a taxi and the other a woman killed during a gunbattle.

At issue in the Palestinian Cabinet dispute is the appointment of an interior minister who would consolidate the security forces - some of which are under the command of Arafat - and play a key role in possible action against violent groups.

Arafat has blocked Qureia's choice for the job, Gen. Nasser Yousef, in part because he does not want to relinquish control over the security services. Qureia's successor, Mahmoud Abbas, was pushed out by Arafat over the same issue.

2 Militants Blow Themselves Up in Mecca

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Two suspected militants blew themselves up in the holy city Mecca to avoid arrest Thursday hours after a third suspect was killed in a shootout with security forces in the capital Riyadh, Saudi officials said.

It was the second day of confrontations this week between the militants and police and the latest clash in a nationwide security crackdown set off by suicide car bombings May 12 on Western compounds in Riyadh. About 600 suspects believed linked to al-Qaida have been arrested since the May attacks, which killed 35 people, including the nine attackers.

The two who killed themselves in Mecca detonated explosives when security forces closed in to arrest them, a security official said. Helicopters and police cars were dispatched to the area afterward.

The two likely belonged to a terror cell that clashed with Saudi police in Mecca on Monday, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. That cell had been linked to al-Qaida, the terrorist network blamed for the May 12 attacks as well as the Sept. 11 onslaught in the United States.

Earlier Thursday, Saudi police clashed with suspected terrorists in a narrow street in Riyadh. An Interior Ministry official said one suspect was killed and eight policemen were slightly injured.

Several militants were captured after the Riyadh shootout, a police officer on the scene told The Associated Press, also speaking on condition of anonymity. Several more militants escaped in cars, a neighbor said.

The official said security forces were searching a Riyadh neighborhood at 4 a.m. when "a number of terrorists left the site, firing weapons and bombs."

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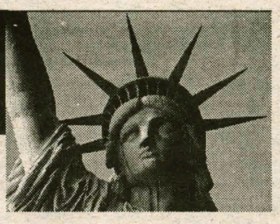

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85,000 GIs Told They're Heading to Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon announced plans Thursday to send 85,000 Army and Marine combat forces to Iraq early next year to relieve troops completing one-year tours, and 43,000 National Guard and Reserve support troops have been alerted that they may be sent as well.

The moves are part of a rotation plan that assumes Iraqis will be capable of contributing enough to the battle against the anti-occupation insurgency that the number of American troops in Iraq can be reduced from 131,600 today to 105,000 by May, senior officials said.

In an added twist, the Army announced that soldiers in every unit designated for deployment to Iraq next year - whether active-duty or reserve - will be prohibited from leaving the service during a period beginning 90 days before they go to 90 days after they return.

That measure, known in the military as "stop-loss," does not apply to the Marine Corps, which said it will dispatch about 20,000 Marines to replace the Army's 82nd Airborne Division in western Iraq, including the Fallujah area where anti-occupation violence has been strongest.

Lt. Gen. Jan C. Huly, deputy commandant of the Marine Corps for plans and operations, told a news conference that the Marines would spend seven months in Iraq, then be replaced by another 20,000-Marine contingent for seven months. They will come from the 1st Marine Division, based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., which helped spearhead the invasion of Iraq last spring.

Federal Judge in N.Y. Blocks Abortion Ban

NEW YORK (AP) — In a ruling with potentially coast-to-coast effect, a federal judge blocked the government's new ban on certain late-term abortions Thursday in a rapidly escalating legal battle that began even before President Bush signed the measure.

The ruling was the second such setback for the Bush administration in 24 hours.

U.S. District Judge Richard Casey granted a request by the National Abortion Federation and seven doctors to prevent enforcement of the ban until a challenge to the law's constitutionality can be heard.

While the ruling applies only to the plaintiffs, it is expected to have broad application: The federation - a professional association of abortion providers in the United States and Canada - says that its members perform half of abortions nationwide.

The new law outlaws a procedure generally performed in the second or third trimester in which a fetus is partially delivered before being killed, usually by puncturing its skull. Anti-abortion activists call the procedure "partial-birth abortion." President Clinton twice vetoed similar bills.

Bush Signs $87.5B Iraq-Afghan Package

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Thursday signed an $87.5 billion package approved by Congress for Iraq and Afghanistan, calling the money a financial commitment by the United States to the global war to defeat terrorism.

"With this act of Congress, no enemy or friend can doubt that America has the resources and the will to see this war through to victory," Bush said at a ceremony in the East Room of the White House.

Bush was joined by Republican leaders of Congress, and Secretary of State Colin Powell and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld stood by his side as he spoke. He saluted Powell and Rumsfeld for their leadership "during these tough times."

In remarks moments before signing the bill, Bush said, "Today the United States is making a critical financial commitment to this global strategy to defeat terror. We're supporting our servicemen and women in the field of battle. We're supporting reconstruction and the emergence of democratic institutions in a vital area of the world."

"The American people accept these responsibilities now in our time, so that we will not face far greater dangers in the future," Bush said.

He said recent attacks in Iraq "have shown the cruelty of the enemy. They're cold blooded, they're heartless."

Sophomore Seminar to focus on Lewis and Clark

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scribed in the college catalogue as an "intellectual and physical exploration of the Lewis and Clark expedition (1804-1806) from cultural, historical and natural science perspectives."

The interdisciplinary approach that the course will take is appropriate because Lewis and Clark themselves were interdisciplinary in their approach to reporting their observations. Professor Isserman noted, "In addition to being explorers and mapmakers, Lewis and Clark were, on Jefferson's instructions, expected to make careful notes on the nature of the western countryside and its flora and fauna (as well as its native American inhabitants). Lewis and Clark were themselves, in a sense, "interdisciplinary" in undertaking their voyage of discovery across the North American continent."

The course originated when Isserman and Rayne traced Lewis and Clark's steps last summer.

Professor Isserman explained, "Todd Rayne and I drove the entire Lewis and Clark route in the summer of 2002 in preparation for the course. We then recruited Bill Pfitsch and Doug Ambrose to join us in offering the course. We'll have two historians and two scientists, and the two scientists each representing a discipline that figures importantly into the history of the expedition." Professor Pfitsch is particularly interested in this seminar because Lewis and Clark were on an "exploration of an area previously unknown to Western science."

Professor Ambrose finds the subject appealing because of the challenging nature of the expedition. He said, "What's so interesting are the challenges – physical, cultural, and psychological – the expedition faced and the ways the members and those they encountered responded to those challenges."

Some of the texts that students will be reading include: the original journals of Lewis and Clark (a new, abridged treatment by Gary Moulton, "one of the finest living Lewis and Clark scholars"); Stephen Ambrose's biography of Lewis, titled *Undaunted Courage*; Donald Jackson's *Thomas Jefferson and the Rocky Mountains*; and *Out West* – a contemporary account of traveling along the Lewis and Clark trail by journalist Dayton Duncan.

As in all sophomore seminars, "students will undertake research projects and offer public presentations of their finding. We hope to hold a 'Lewis and Clark fest' at the end of April, where students will present their research, and there will be films about the expedition, and other Lewis and Clark-inspired exhibits and activities," said Isserman.

An important aspect of the class that students interested in taking the class should know about is a mandatory trip that will leave at the end of the school year. The classes will leave from the Syracuse airport on May 17th and fly to Bismark, North Dakota. In Bismark, students will board busses for the land portion of the trip.

Isserman explains that the trip will follow "the Missouri westwards to Montana. They will visit a number of sites associated with the Lewis and Clark expedition, including Great Falls, the Gates of the Rocky Mountains, the Three Forks of the Missouri, Beaverhead Rock, and Lolo Pass." The students will also visit the Nez Perce Indian Reservation in Idaho and Fort Mandan in North Dakota. The final destination is Oregon and the Pacific, where students will visit Fort Clatsop, take a cruise on the Columbia River on the sternwheeler *Columbia Gorge*, and have some time to relax in the resort town of Seaside, Oregon.

Similar to last year's World War II seminar, the trip is an integral part of the class. The approximate cost for the trip is $1,800. Visiting the battlefields of Normandy and Belgium had a powerful affect on Isserman and his students. "Similarly, you can read Ambrose and a dozen other books on Lewis and Clark, but there's still nothing quite the same as staring up the Bitterroot Mountains, or looking out over the Pacific to gain an appreciation of the magnitude of the challenges they faced, and their accomplishments as explorers," Isserman said.

Ambrose adds, "The trip should convey to students a vivid sense of just what these people did – and the conditions under which they did them. Although we can never experience either the sense of discovery or the material realities they faced, we can, through the trip, get a sense of just how amazing their task and accomplishments were."

Student, staff speakers shed light on eating disorders

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Burns went on to describe the process that students go through when they come to the Health Center for help. First they are given a routine physical to determine how healthy they are and to judge the seriousness of their condition. According to Burns, this includes examining their hair and gum condition, heart rate, blood pressure, abdomen, and menstrual history. Knowing the patient's menstrual history is particularly important, because those with eating disorders will frequently miss or skip periods.

Burns also mentioned that patients are encouraged to have blood work done, in which the Health Center looks for any dangerous side effects from eating disorders, including anemia. Weighing is not necessarily done at the Health Center because of how this can emotionally affect the patient.

Burns also concluded by saying that students with eating disorders are always referred to the Counseling Center, because of the psychological nature of this disease, "probably you need counseling more than the health center."

A counselor from the Hamilton Counseling Center, Brenda Marris, also spoke at the Panel Discussion. She opened up the discussion to the audience, asking for everyone's opinions about the reasons for eating disorders. People responded quickly in this comfortable setting and from then on seemed to be at ease speaking out about their own problems or those of friends and family who suffer from eating disorders.

Marris went on to talk about the multitude of different causes of eating disorders, which generally result from a combination of longstanding conditions. Causes are varied, but include factors such as low self-esteem, feelings of need for more control in life, depression, problems with relationships, a history of being ridiculed or made fun of for size or weight, past physical or sexual abuse, and pressures from society to be thin and have the "perfect body."

The final speaker of the panel was Terry King, a nutritionist, who advocated "normal eating" and "reasonable weight." She, like the other speakers, also highlighted the importance of encouraging friends with eating disorders to seek help, however, cautioned against pushing them too hard.

"Support is more important than pushing," she said.

Terry also stressed that the process to recovery from an eating disorder is far from easy and that the "road to recovery only happens when you are ready." She went on to list a series of startling and sometimes extremely disturbing facts relating to eating disorders. Contrary to popular belief, the average American woman is far from the idealized supermodel picture that we so often conjure up in our minds, but a much more normal 140 pounds, with a size twelve dress.

All the numbers and statistics that Terry had were not so comforting. According to her information, a preoccupation with weight is common and starts at a very young age: 50% of 4th graders think they're overweight. By the time they reach college, 40% of women take in less than 800 calories per day. Terry advocated against such unhealthy dieting, and instead recommended use of the food guide pyramid to evaluate what students need to consume to maintain a balanced, healthy diet. She said that people cannot cut entire food groups out of their diets and eat healthily, but instead must balance all of the food groups.

Eating disorders have become a huge problem among American adolescents, especially the college age group, who are pressured increasingly by the media to attain the "perfect body" and "ideal weight," which in reality, are dangerous concepts. We have a cultural obsession with slenderness, and personal weight unfortunately becomes a defining element in the lives of many.

Nothing illustrates this better than the disturbing ad circulated in the audience by HPEP and the panel speakers as discussion was beginning: an impossibly thin and stereotypically gorgeous woman is portrayed lounging with a croissant stuck to her thigh, and the obvious message is that we are not supposed to eat these types of foods. The ad tell us if we don't eat, we can magically become the "perfect" woman in the picture; however, the expressions of disgust as the ad traveled around the room and the encouragement, enthusiasm, and inspiration of the panel speakers are testimony to the commitment of those striving to educate others about eating disorders and the pressures society exerts that only contribute to these awful diseases.

Cable boxes may be an option

from Student Assembly, page 1

The Cable Committee was originally formed earlier in the semester in response to a significant increase in the College's bill. Mike Galante '04, Chairperson of the Cable Committee, estimated the increase to be approximately $10,000. Cutting the four channels, therefore, would leave a balance of only $500.

"We ended up saving a lot of money, and the Student Assembly was more than pleased to pay $500... to cover that cost," Galante said.

Another issue discussed by the Cable Committee was the possibility of offering students premium channels such as HBO, Showtime and Cinemax, among others.

"We also brought up the idea at this meeting that cable boxes should be an option. We think that it would be great for students as an option," Galante said.

The plan discussed by the Committee would offer cable boxes to students through an independent account with the cable company. The arrangement would be similar to the refrigerator rentals that many students participate in. Galante stressed that the arrangement would not be through the College. Students would pick up the units somewhere on campus at the beginning of the year and drop them off at the end.

"We're still working on prices and getting the logistics of that, but we're trying to make that available to people next semester," Galante said.

Another proposition being considered by the Committee is the option of purchasing the movie rights and playing the movies on the Hamilton College television station, which is often blank or filled with a daily schedule of events that is available online.

Galante has contacted SWANK Motion Pictures, Inc. to inquire about the service. For just under $9,000, the College would receive the rights to sixty-four movies per year, which could then be played as often as the College desired. Galante was quick to point out, however, that while the cable box proposition will most likely become a reality in the near future, the latter proposition is in rudimentary form.

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As fresh fall winds brush darkened leaves from the Hill's trees, the parents of many Hamilton students must feel that, upon entering college, their sons and daughters have been briskly brushed out of their homes. This weekend, as parent's flock to the Hill to rejoin, all too briefly, with their kin, students should turn their work-weary heads towards their roots.

Through their donations, participation in parent's organizations such as the Parents Advisory Council, involvement in community activities, and, of course, their devotion to the education of their children, parents are one of the college's greatest unspoken and largely unseen assets. While this weekend will be stocked with open houses, games, concerts, performances, conferences, slide shows, and more, let us not loose sight of the focus of the celebration: family. And, if some parents or family members can't make it to campus this weekend, students should take the opportunity to give a call or write home (remember: parents love handwritten letters much more than emailed ones).

Above all else though, enjoy seeing your family. College, for most of us, is the bridge between living at home and venturing off on our own. Before we know it, we'll have famlies of our own.

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Insights and Ideas

"Greek Speak": The Hamilton Greek system's propaganda

Greek life sucks, prove me wrong

by Blake Erb '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS COLUMNIST

Recently, the Inter-Society Council published a special rush issue of "Greek Speak." This issue featured statements by individual fraternities and sororities in hopes of luring the interest of potential brothers and sisters. Most of these statements included a brief history of the society, past prominent members and other activities and organizations in which the current members are involved. As a proud Independent on campus, I read this issue with only a passing interest. Upon reviewing the rush statements, I came to a disturbing conclusion: whereas most of the sororities seem to be involved and active in a number of different and diverse facets of Hamilton life, a good number of the fraternities seem to add little to nothing to campus life.

One sorority rush statement says, "The women of XXXX are committed to both academic and extra-curricular excellence, as evidenced by our diverse array of concentrations, and the 62 different on-campus organizations in which we participate." Sixty-two organizations!! Considering the size of sororities on campus, that means the members of this sorority are probably participating in about 2 different organizations each. Another sorority rush statement says, "We are represented on the field hockey, soccer, basketball, lacrosse and crew teams, as well as in Student Assembly, HAVOC, Special K, Bobby Peru, Yodapez and many other campus organizations." As one can see, these two sororities contribute to a number of different areas of interest on campus. They represent Hamilton on the athletic fields, in service organizations, student government, performance groups and many other facets of campus life. Obviously, these societies better campus life through the actions of individual members and through sorority-sponsored events and projects.

On the other hand, there are a few fraternities that fall way behind the mark set by the previous examples as well as portraying an attitude of elitism and arrogance. To give an example of the lack of involvement of some fraternities, one fraternity rush statement says, "XXXX has varsity members on the football, basketball, baseball and soccer teams. Additionally, XXXX brothers participate in organizations such as the inter-society council and the radio station." Umm... ok... sweet. You have members participating in the inter-society council?? Oh my god! No way! The only other type of involvement besides athletics is participating in the radio station. While I am personally proud that the radio station has a diverse staff membership, if this is the only involvement the fraternity can boast of besides playing sports and being Greek, I have to ask myself, "What are they doing with all that free time?" This question is quickly answered in the very same statement, "With a wide range of social benefits as well, XXXX knows how to have fun and will not hesitate to have a good time." This does not even suggest that the fraternity provides social options for the general student population; rather, it provides social BENEFITS for MEMBERS. Wow. That does a whole lot for the vast majority of students that are not in the society. The rush statement quoted above makes the fraternity seem laughable and virtually worthless to the campus as a whole.

Another rush statement by one of the fraternities puts on an attitude of arrogance and elitism that doesn't belong anywhere on campus: "It is difficult to summarize, express and convey the true essence of the XXXX of Hamilton College. We could disclose a list of superlatives descriptive of our brethren and founding alumni, yet such a disclosure might result in an air of superiority. We don't wish to do that." Yeah, too late. This rush statement said absolutely nothing about the fraternity and made it look like a secret society. Secret societies were cool: when I was 10 years old. It's time to grow up, boys.

Greek societies, like all other organizations on campus, have the responsibility to improve and better campus life as a whole. They can do this through numerous community service programs, providing social options to the general student population, working with non-Greek societies to put on larger events and generally being involved and active on campus. Unfortunately, it seems that many Greek societies focus on varsity athletics and partying. I'm all for strong varsity programs and numerous Greek social options, but there is so much more that could be done. Personally, if I was an older member of one of the fraternities quoted above, I would be ashamed of the stereotypes that my fraternity was reinforcing on the Hamilton College campus.

Some of the Greek societies on campus need to take a step back and look at how they contribute to the College. Greek societies can make life better on the Hill for all students, Greek and non-Greek alike. However, all societies must focus on more aspects than just the social scene on campus.

All of this, of course, is based upon my personal opinion of how a Greek society should interact with the rest of the College. If you feel that a Greek society is just a way to have a group of friends that get together and put on parties and do the occasional service project, then my words will mean nothing to you. I feel that this kind of attitude is wasteful to the people that work hard to make sure that Greek societies remained on campus and have opportunities to make a difference. The hard-working people in Student Activities and other administrative offices don't work long hours so that you can goof off with your friends.

That being said, I encourage all Greek societies to prove me wrong. Show me, and the rest of the students that have lost faith in Greeks, how much you do for the campus and the unique opportunities and events that you provide that other organizations can't. Take this as a challenge, not an attack. Don't let a nerdy writer like me make you look bad. Step up and show me what being a Greek is all about.

I also encourage all first-years interested in Greek life to pursue this interest and go to rush functions and get to know the members of a number of societies. Don't look for the "cool" society or anything like that, but rather look for a society that will improve and challenge you individually as well as improving campus and community life. You don't need to join a society and go through pledging to play sports and party all the time. I can do this just as easily as anyone else can. It's not that hard, and it's not that prestigious. Look for something that will be fulfilling and something that you will be able to look back on with pride.

If you think Insights & Ideas and *The Spectator* is too boring, too juvenile, too this, too that, DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

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Thumbs Up

- Family Weekend... "Hmmm, who's more bangable: roommate's Mom, or roommate's little sister?"

- Last Saturday's Swan-Fest... First person to black out gets more free punch.

- The return of sweet, sweet, real OJ in Commons.

- Realizing you took all 27 pictures in one night.

- Dressing up as a wannabe Campus Safety officer for Halloween.

- Cookie Crisp. It's like crack.

- The South African guy at the new liquor store... This year's Dave Foley minus the home-baked cookies.

Thumbs Down

- Cold sores... "Hey can I borrow your Chap Stick?"

- Talking on your cell phone while working out on the elliptical... (You know who you are...)

- Walking to Wal-Mart... (You also know who you are, douchebag...)

- Friendster.com... Sorry guys, but friends of friends are *not* your friends.

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Matt Amoroso '05, Nakul Patel '05, Peyton Gray '05, Avery Schlicher '05, Matt Colman '06

Who Cares?

- The administration being hellbent on destroying the Citrus Bowl.

- The new $20 bill... Not only valuable, but SHINY.

- MTV's "Rich Girls." You and your busted friend should suck it.

- *Matrix Revolutions...* 'Cuz really, who cares?!?

- The plural of "mongoose" is "mongooses"

- The lame jokes in this week's column.... It's Thursday night, we wanna get drunk.

- The idiot freshmen who attended this week's Rush Forum. Good luck getting a bid now.

Why are the study abroad GPA requirements so high?

by Kristy Hague '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

If you are considering studying abroad while at Hamilton, you should be especially conscious of your GPA. A student cannot study abroad in a program outside of Hamilton unless he/she has an 82% GPA in the two semesters prior to the submission of his/her application. No exceptions are made.

During the course of this year, I have spoken with several smart, capable, independent, and extremely frustrated students who cannot study abroad because they fell slightly below the GPA requirement. Many of these students had planned their entire curriculum in anticipation of a year or semester abroad. Knowing that these students are extremely involved in extracurricular activities (such as HAVOC, fraternities, sororities, and varsity, club, and intramural sports) and only fell mere tenths of a percentage point below the 82% minimum, my sense of indignation rose and spawned this article. I decided to investigate the reasoning behind the GPA cut off, the details of the petitioning process, and the importance of study abroad to a liberal arts education. My interviews have indicated that the GPA minimum appears to be in direct contradiction to the philosophy of Hamilton's liberal arts curriculum.

Students who have below an 82% GPA can petition the Committee on Academic Standing in order to receive exemption and study abroad. However, the presence of this petitioning process is hardly encouraging since the Committee has rejected every petition that has come before it.

I spoke to Edith Toegel, the Coordinator of Study Abroad Programs, about the reasoning behind the GPA minimum and the petitioning process. Although she is not on the Committee on Academic Standing, Toegel was adamant that 82% minimum represents the best way to anticipate which students will be accepted to and achieve while abroad. "Students have to have an 82% GPA to be successful abroad in the self-motivated and self-focused study," asserted Toegel. She points out that Hamilton students have a 100% acceptance rate to study abroad programs and that, without distribution requirements, some form of academic control is needed to ensure that only capable students are sent overseas to study. Toegel argues that the 82% minimum is in place to protect kids from rejection from study abroad programs because Hamilton only accepts credits from schools with programs that demand an 82%. Although all these points are true, I wonder if study abroad programs would reject students with an 81.4% (as was the case with two of the students I interviewed). And I seriously doubt that allowing these borderline students to apply to these programs would result in the collapse of Hamilton's study abroad system. In addition, these students might even get accepted to an overseas colleges and continue to achieve as they have done at Hamilton considering no one would argue that a person with an 81% GPA is a poor student.

Like many other top 25 liberal arts schools, Hamilton has a Preferred Programs of Study list. Students are not allowed to study at some of the "lesser" overseas programs that amount to little more than partying for a semester. The Office of Study Abroad Programs ensures that all programs have academic merit; therefore, these programs require a higher GPA than most. "We do this to protect the integrity of a Hamilton College degree," explains Toegel. Of course, no student wants the value of his/her degree to be lessened, but I believe that exceptions should still exist. I, as most students I have talked to, do not believe that the Hamilton degree will be compromised by letting students on the edge of an 82% GPA apply to study abroad programs on the Preferred Programs list. The worst case scenario is that the program rejects them but at least these students were given the chance, and that is all they really want.

Jim Atkinson '05 and Sarah Townsend '05 explained their petitions as a short written statement, supported by a professor, that explained why they should be allowed to go abroad. The petitions described how the program would contribute to their academic and personal goals and what they could give to the program in return. They then gave their petitions to the Dean of Students. A week or so later, the students heard through campus mail that the Committee on Academic Standing had rejected their petitions. In response, Atkinson said, "the reason I came to Hamilton was to challenge myself, so I took the hard classes...and now I feel like I'm being punished because I fell fractions of a point below that standard." Townsend elaborated further, "the frustration that I felt came from knowing how much I could truly give to this abroad program. I feel that if I was given the opportunity to actually speak to the petition board instead of writing a short essay, they would have seen how adamant I, like other students, was to go abroad, and may have reconsidered. I think it's ridiculous for the opportunity of a lifetime to be taken away regarding a mere percentage point."

According to research conducted for the Mellon Project by James Downey '04, Study Abroad is the "opportunity of a lifetime." Through a series of focus groups, Downey found that "study abroad is one of the most important and popular things that can be done at Hamilton to enhance academic experience." Students who study abroad feel more independent and confident. They feel as though the world is at their feet and that tremendous possibilities are out there of which they are capable of taking advantage. As one student in one of the focus groups put it, "you take things one day at a time and then one day you realize that you have come a long way." Why then should capable students be denied the access to this experience?

I am not advocating that Hamilton allow every student to apply to study abroad because some students have demonstrated that they cannot handle the responsibility of overseas study. But what harm is there in allowing certain students who are fractions of a point away from the minimum GPA to apply? I thought that this was the whole point in creating a petitioning process, but Committee on Academic Standing appears to disagree. In fact, there appears to be absolutely no point in creating a petitioning process if the Committee is going to reject every student that submits a petition. I understand that only a few students fall into this borderline category (only 14 in the past two years), but this statistic further indicates that little harm can result from making a few exceptions.

Until the Committee on Academic Standing makes an exception, there are a few things students can do as an alternative. The Washington DC and New York City programs have no minimum GPA requirement and are open to all students; however, these programs are highly competitive, so an 82% might not be enough to gain acceptance. Also, students can take a personal leave of absence of Hamilton and go overseas; however, they will not get academic credit for this. With only two alternatives that do not offer students many options, I feel as though the Committee on Academic Standing needs to reconsider its stance on many of these borderline students. Every capable and responsible student should at least have the opportunity to apply to study abroad.

In reality, Kerry's the one to beat Bush – not Dean

by Jonathan Kuhl '06
MANAGING EDITOR

As the presidential primary season grows closer, it's time to start thinking seriously about who the Democrats should run as their candidate. If winning back the White House in 2004, and having a successful administration are truly the goals of the Democratic Party, John Kerry should be the nominee. Howard Dean, although generating a notable degree of excitement and raising an impressive amount of money, simply is not the candidate that can beat Bush, nor is he the most qualified individual to become the next President.

Beginning with his chances to beat President Bush, Howard Dean has yet to demonstrate that he has a wider appeal beyond New England liberals. In a Washington Post-ABC News poll administered last Thursday, randomly selected adults were asked who they would vote for in the upcoming election, George Bush, or a Democratic nominee. John Kerry received 44% of the vote, while Dean only received 39%. Leading among the potential nominees, Kerry would receive the most votes, while Dean trailed behind Gephardt, Clark and Lieberman.

All else aside, the priority in 2004 is beating George W. Bush. Dean, while effectively energizing the base of the Democratic Party with his anti-war rhetoric and bold attacks on President Bush, doesn't have broad enough support to win in 2004. Dean is currently polling very well in New Hampshire, but when states like South Carolina become the focus of the primaries, Dean's joyride will come to a screeching halt.

Looking beyond the election, and assuming that Dean could even win in the general election, the former Governor of Vermont simply isn't ready for the job he seeks. Even President Clinton's administration, which is widely considered to have been generally successful, spent the first years in the White House trying to figure out how Washington works. President Clinton, who like Dean was a governor of a small state, didn't have the experience of Capital Hill to make a smooth transition. The evidence for this lies no further than the failure of the Health Security Act, which even Hillary Clinton admits was inpart due to her mishandlings of how politics in Washington work.

Luckily, Clinton had the luxury of fumbling on issues that, although important, were less so than the current issues facing our country. During the tenure of the next administration, the situation in Iraq will still very much be ongoing. Major decisions affecting our role in global affairs will need to be immediately dealt with--having someone with experience is not desirable, it is essential.

While proving his executive competence in Vermont, Howard Dean has not had a role in foreign policy decision-making. Sitting on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, John Kerry is not only highly accustomed to how Washington works, but has also had extensive experience in the United States' foreign policy decesion making process. Senator Kerry, being the Ranking Member on the Sub-Committee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, also puts him in a uniquely informed position regarding North Korea and China.

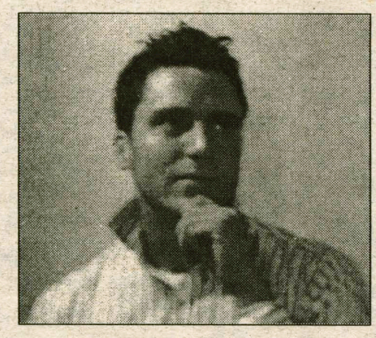
With all the foreign policy decisions that will need to be made by the next President, it only makes sense to elect someone who knows what they are doing. As a nation, we can't afford an on-the-job education on how Washington works.

Having been in Washington and in politics for years, John Kerry has the backing of the party. As John McCain showed us in 2000, a strong message and a fiery personality aren't enough to win. George Bush was able to defeat McCain not because he inspired people, but because he had the backing of his party. This isn't to say that Kerry isn't an exciting candidate, which he certainly is, but it is to say that he currently holds a distinct advantage over Dean.

What Kerry hasn't quite done yet, though, is tap into the same anger over Bush that Dean has. If Kerry does this, without putting his colleagues in the South and Midwest in bad positions with voters at home, Kerry wins. The spirit to beat Bush exists, and Kerry has all the makings of a great President, he just needs to convince voters that in reality he, not Dean, is their candidate.

Come on Clinton: Can't hold us down? Hamilton's double standard

Klitora Kirkland
Sarah Schwartz '04



Phallixander Hamilton
Dan Fiore '04

DISCLAMER: The purpose of Come on Clinton is to discuss sex and sex related issues at Hamilton College in a light-hearted, non-judgmental, responsible way, with the goal of creating a publicized dialogue regarding issues that are often discussed by and impact the student body. Due to the liberal nature of the column, some may find the content inappropriate or offensive. Reader discretion is advised.

On a crisp November evening that would make anyone's nipples stand at attention, Phallix and Klitora rode back (in Phallix's metallic green convertible) from a delicious meal at the Only Café. Filled with tastes of chocolate mousse and visions of Gumby, the two pondered their plans for the evening. Although at the beginning of the year the Pub and the VT seemed as raunchy and exciting as studio 54 was in the '70s, now, more than halfway through the semester, these options are about as appealing as getting hit on by the new campus safety officer. In an attempt to spice up their evening, Phallix and Klitora decided to have a contest: Who can make out with more people in one night? While juvenile and desperate, the contest allowed Phallix and Klitora explore everything that the Hamilton universe had to offer (room parties, theme parties, pub, and downtown) while looking for potential tongue-kissing buddies.

So we're sure you're all dying to know who won the contest. When the results were made public, Phallix and Klitora noticed a confusing dynamic; while Klitora received dirty looks from other girls, and was subject to name calling in the form of "slut," "tramp," and "sick, sick whore," Phallix received high fives and pats of the back from other guys and was referred to as a "pimp," "player," and "the daddy of the mac daddies." The reason that these responses didn't make sense was that the final tally was sixteen for Phallix, and twelve for Klitora.

The wheels in Phallix's and Klitora's minds began to turn. While gender inequality clearly still exists in the world, how could it possibly still exist at a school like Hamilton College that accepts only intelligent, open-minded, bleeding-heart liberals without a single judgmental bone in their collective body? Why was Phallix revered and Klitora ridiculed? With such a distinct discrepancy between the reactions to the same behavior, Phallix and Klitora couldn't help but wonder *to what extent does the sexual double standard exist at Hamilton College?*

What it is and how it works

In her latest hit, "Can't Hold Us Down," Christina Aguilera (one of Phallix's and Klitora's favorites) describes the sexual double standard most eloquently with her lyrics: "the guy gets all the glory, the more he can score, while the girl can do the same, but you call her a whore." Men are encouraged to be promiscuous and to have as many sexual partners as possible with as little emotional attachment as possible, whereas women are expected to be sexually pure and are encouraged to seek a relationship, using their sexuality only as a means of achieving that end. While the double standard seems specific to heterosexuality, commentaries surrounding homosexual relationships only amplify the inequality. Gay men are assumed to be hypersexual (Phallix is shocked an appalled at this assumption!), while gay women are assumed to not even engage in what we think of as "sex" because no penetration is involved.

Oftentimes, a man will have sex with a woman and criticize her behavior by calling her a slut when in reality he is being just as "slutty" as she is, as they clearly partook in the same act. For example, a junior pop-music lovin' male talked about having sex with two girls in the same room on the same night. In a conversation with Phallix, this strapping boy referred to these girls as "sluts," and didn't consider that his behavior was identical to theirs (if not more "slutty" because he had sex with *two* partners that night). He thought of his promiscuity as positive, while he viewed the girls' promiscuity as negative. He went on to say," If my brother called me and told me he had a threesome, I would be proud. If my sister called me and told me she had a threesome, I would disown her." Clearly this junior should take at least one Women's Studies course before graduation. The women we talked to were more aware of the standard, but few admitted to reinforcing it. When we asked a bangin' senior female about her experience with sexual double standard at Hamilton she said: "I don't think it really exists with my friends because we all work hard to make men uncomfortable, but generally, yeah. (holla!)"

Anyone who has attended a theme party at Hamilton has encountered the sexual double standard. The roles we are asked to play at these parties generally reflect the gender roles that society has already pinned on us: Pimps and Hoes, Good Girls/Bad Boys, or Playboy Mansion. Our associate at BC alerted us to a new level of scandal and sexism in the world of theme parties: "Anything for an 'A'" exploits that long-loved teacher-student relationship thing, putting men in the dominant role. Women are shown that their sexuality cannot be used for their own pleasure, but strictly to please the man.

The "S" Word

The sanctions for sexual promiscuity seem to fall into two categories: verbal and social. If a woman is promiscuous, most would claim that she runs the risk of being called a "slut" or a "whore." There is also a good chance that guys will not want to hook-up with her (or at least no want to admit it to their friends). She will be judged on the basis of her sexual reputation rather than on her personality. Men who are equally promiscuous have much less of a risk of verbal and social sanctions. Their behavior will be justified under the "boys will be boys" motto.

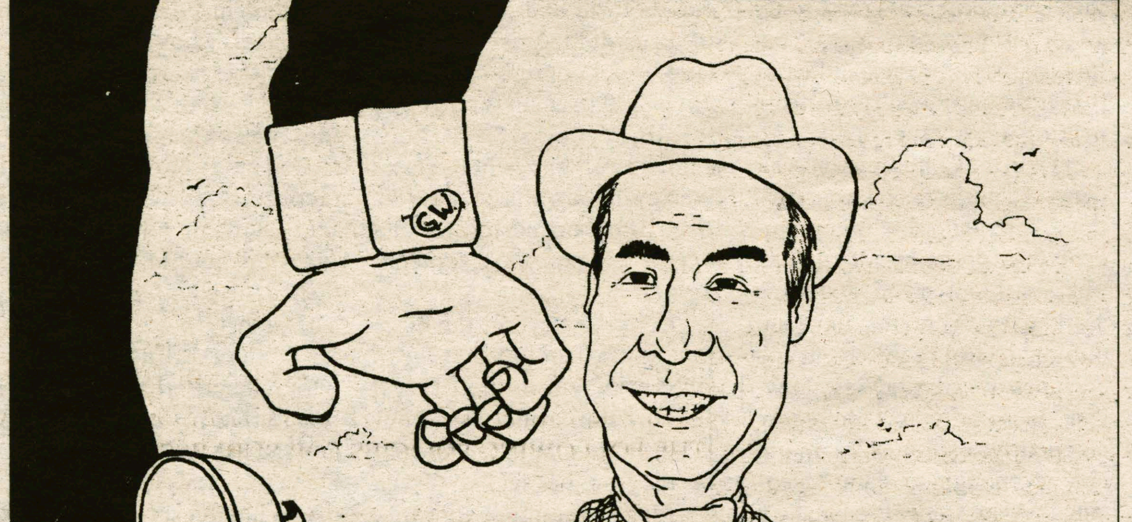
While Phallix and Klitora may, at times, lovingly refer to each other (and their other male and female friends) friends as "sluts," when used maliciously, the word "slut" can carry a heavy burden.

A "slut" is considered subhuman and although it may not make much sense, society imposes the ideology that if a woman does not repress her sexual urges, she is not worthy of respect. A woman who has the label of slut is generally. So what does it mean that this sexist word has crept into our everyday vocabulary, and what can we do about it?

Why it matters and what to do about it

Whether or not you find it appropriate to assert and express sexuality is not the issue. The issue is whether you treat women and men equally with regards to sexuality. If you think having multiple sexual partners is wrong, that's your opinion and you are entitled to it. But be sure to be consistent when passing judgment (if you choose to pass it at all, which Phallix and Klitora do not recommend). It shouldn't be okay for a male to have multiple sexual partners, if it's not okay for a woman to do the same. If Phallix makes out with more people than Klitora, he should not receive a positive reaction while she receives a negative one.

The sexual double standard at Hamilton and elsewhere ends up hurting not only women, but men as well. It encourages men and women to live up to standards that may not properly suit them as individuals. Make decisions regarding expression and exploration of your sexuality reflects who you are and what you are comfortable with, not whether you have a penis or a vagina. If the sexual double standard has got you down, remember to keep your heads up, you've got Phallix and Klitora behind you, sometimes under you.



Drawing Criticism by Tom Booth '06

Single of the Week:

Jon "Oh Sweet Jesus you look like Justin Timberlake" Price

(watch-or read rather- as Phallix and Klitora make fools of themselves in front of this particularly sexy single of the week)

COC: So Jon, why have you decided not to remain anonymous?
JP: Cause I need some lovin'
COC: Why is that? Do you not get a lot of female attention?
JP: No. I guess I intimidate them because I don't wear enough pastels.
COC: Right, right – we're sure. Anyway, what's your signature move in the sack?
JP: It's called the Pete North Shanghai Clan. I've perfected it.
COC: Care to elaborate?
JP: No way, I can't give away my secret.
COC: Damn, we wanted a visual. Okay, well what are some of your turn ons?
JP: Smart girls
COC: Turn offs?
JP: Smart girls
(laughter)
COC: Well, has anyone ever told you that you look like Justin Timberlake (JP even rhymes with JT)?
JP: Once. But I told them that

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Single of the Week, Jon Price

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Justin Timberlake looks like me.
COC: Anyway you want to put it, baby. What's one place on the Hamilton Campus that you're looking to hook up?
JP: The hot tub in the pool room.
COC: What songs put you in the mood?
JP: Anything R. Kelly – "You Remind me of my Jeep" is a good one.
COC: Amen to that. Do you prefer safe or unprotected sex?
JP: I keep the Jimmy Cap on extra tight.
COC: awwww

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Fight Club, Amtrak, and fighting on Amtrak

by Adam Gordon '06
INSIGHTS & IDEAS COLUMNIST

Edward Norton's character in *Fight Club* best captures the single serving friend phenomenon: "The people I meet on each flight — they're single-serving 'friends'. Between take-off and landing, we have our time together, then we never see each other again. "Single serving friends" are always around. We have them on virtually every mode of transportation and in everyday life. These people just happen to be in the seat next to you. They have never met you before, and they will never see you again. If you look like a relatively social person, you're bound to make a friend for the ride.

This year I brought a car to campus. This has been a great convenience for errands, the mall, and because as far as I know the Jitney does not stop at Peepers. Last year I depended on Amtrak to get me to and from campus. While I certainly do not miss the delays, engine failures, etc., I do miss the single serving friends who gave me the entertainment that no book or CD could possibly replicate. I cannot remember their names, but the experiences with some will surely stay with me.

One of my notable "single serving" friends was "Mr. Williams." It was the start of Thanksgiving break, and I remember wading through the crowded Amtrak car with my huge carry-on bag, trying to find a seat. I plopped myself down next to a sleeping frail old man, who had to have been in his late 80's. He was equipped with two abnormally large hearing aids, and wore glasses with the thickest lenses I've ever seen. In the first 10 minutes he showed no movement, and I seriously wondered if he was alive. Suddenly the train hit a huge bump and he immediately awoke. He looked at me, smiled, looked out the window and started talking about how nice the trees looked. I remember smiling and agreeing even though I couldn't have cared less. Eventually he started talking to me, and didn't stop for the next two hours. When I mean he told me everything, he did.

I learned about his career as a contractor, his involvement in the war, and everyone in his entire family-his whole life story. He had lived in the Utica area for most of his life, and he gave me a fascinating historical account of Utica as the flourishing city it was years ago. Mr. Williams took me back to the "good ol' days." It didn't even bother me that he didn't ask much about myself- his offer of half a peanut butter and jelly sandwich was enough to convince me how much he enjoyed having someone to listen. This man took me on a journey back in time, and I don't think any book or historian could truly convey his experience. Mr. Williams was on his way to visit his grandkids for Thanksgiving. Before I got off, I shook his hand and he gave me a warm, grandfatherly look. I could tell he was a lonely old man, but I was happy that I could offer my friendship, even if it was for one ride.

"Bill" was another memorable single serving friend. We were at the Albany stop, and a kid around my age hesitantly sat down next to me. I gave him a nod and went back to reading my magazine. About half an hour later, we heard some yelling and to our surprise two women were shoving each other a few seats up. Bill wasted no time as he jumped over the seat like superman and restrained one of the crazy ladies. It was perhaps one of the coolest and most heroic acts I had ever seen. When three conductors finally came to escort them out, Bill came right back to his seat without saying a word or showing any emotion. He just readjusted his hat, which was knocked off during the altercation. I began to talk to Bill and found out that we had a lot in common (excluding the whole superman thing). He was also a college student who shared the same interests, musical tastes, and even a few hobbies with me.

I think that since we both we knew were "single serving" friends, this allowed us to be completely open since we probably wouldn't be seeing each other again. Usually, when meeting new people, I think its hard to be yourself because you want to seem "cool" and make a good impression. In chatting with Bill, I think we both felt no pressure to exaggerate anything or act differently. We chatted about school, music, and even life, and I knew he would not judge me and I would not judge him. When the time came for me to get off at my stop, I remember feeling cleansed, as I had told this complete stranger everything that was on my mind. I will not see Bill again, but for quite some time I will remember the impact of his two hour friendship.

I must note that all my single serving friends have not been as cool as Mr. Williams or Bill. There was "Beatrice," the fattest woman I had ever seen who took up 1.5 seats, leaving me in the aisle, and "Kim" a middle aged women whose endless whining about the train service left me with a splitting headache. "Bruce" seemed to be enjoying his hip hop a little to much, and "Marget," an elderly woman, must have made me take down and put up her 500 pound carry-on bag at least 7 times. But looking back on it, I've enjoyed the time that I've spent with my single serving friends. I figure, if you're going to be sitting next to random people, whether on the train or even in Commons, you might as well extend yourself -it's not like you're going anywhere else. What's the worst that can happen? You get a funny look? Life's too short to be unsocial and worry about what the people on the train think about you. You will be surprised at how rewarding a twenty minute or three hour friendship can be. So seize the moment because you never know: just like in *Fight Club*, your next single serving friend could give you advice, cheer you up, or perhaps even change your life.

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

Based on Parker Brothers' Monopoly, Ghettopoly is its imitation, which pokes fun at the misfortune of impoverished black communities. Unlike Mr. Monopoly, Ghettoply's main character is the stereotypical black thug holding an Uzi, 40oz., and smoking a marijuana cigarette. David T. Chang, the game's creator, develops a community based on drugs and violence rather than wealth and success. The main objective is to build as many crack houses and projects in some of the worst neighborhoods in America while avoiding getting carjacked, killed, and drug-addicted.

Why is this not a game? Ghettopoly perpetuates racial stereotypes that many community leaders have tried to suppress. The jokes are like the barrel of a gun that is aimed at today's youth. Their naiveté makes them susceptible to its brainwashing effects. Moreover, it mocks the integrity of the typical black man while making a spoof of prevailing problems that affect black society.

Buying this embodiment of ignorance would express your support of prejudicial issues which have plagued our country for centuries. As individuals we can prevent the spread of these ill-bred thoughts by not supporting Ghettopoly or any of its cohorts: Thugopoly, Hoodopoly, and Redneckopoly. Educate others about the dire effects of these stereotypes on society so that our future generations will not suffer the same racial adversity.

Information gathered from ABC7news.com and Ghettopoly.com.

Brandie Hall '07
Ghiane Jones '07
Sandi Shivers '07

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Features

The Hamilton cool: students speak out on a lingering social phenomenon

by Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

The "Hamilton Cool" - the phrase has plagued this campus for many years, but few can pin down what it actually implies. As a senior in high school, I first fell upon the phrase in *The Insider's Guide to Colleges 2000*, put out by the editors of the Yale Daily News. The guide identified the "cool" as "a tendency for some students to not raise their hand, to act as if they are not trying too hard, and to put on an appearance of nonchalance." Sounds real cool...not really. What kind of learning environment is that?

At first, it seems that the "cool" refers to an academic air of nonchalance - at least, according to the description the Yale Daily News editors provide. But further investigation proves the Hamilton Cool is less of a strictly classroom fad and more of an embodiment of the entire character of a "stereotypical" Hamilton student (keeping in mind that, for every stereotype, there are the brave few - or many - who defy the stereotype). The "cool" has spread to Martin's Way, to parties, to dining halls, to just about everywhere, according to those students polled. The "cool" now includes, among other characteristics, an inability to look up, smile, or say hello to people one knows while out in public spaces (especially when other people are around); wearing flip-flops (particularly of the Reef / Teva persuasion) long after summer is over; owning a fleece made specifically by Patagonia, North Face, or Marmot; Nantucket Red; eating nothing but salad; trashing the campus on the weekend; wearing a polo shirt with the collar up; ignoring people who used to be your friends once you find a "cooler" crowd to hang out with; breaking things; urinating in public (usually within close proximity of a residence facility or person); not bothering to recycle; driving an SUV; and not carrying trays in the dining halls.

Students noted three main "areas" of cool - the three PA's, if you will: Public Attitude, Public Appearance, and Public Actions.

As for attitude, the apparently "cool" attitude is to, basically, act as though an individual can do whatever they want, whenever they want to do it. Amara McCarthy '04 has this story to share: "There was this large, drunk boy behind me on the Jitney on the way to downtown. He was being very loud, obnoxious, just trying to command everyone's attention and pick fights with the boys. He was even picking on me a little and I was not amused at all. He said to me 'Have you ever been in a freezer? Because I'm cooler than one.' I told him, 'Sorry, but, no, you are really lame.' He so intelligently responded as any 'cool' gentleman would by saying, 'I'll piss on your face.' This story is no joke, I was definitely appalled." One irritated sophomore explained, "The idea of the Hamilton Cool is pathetic. It's almost an elitest attitude that people are afraid to break down because of how it will make them look. I thought that was over in high school."

Actions speak louder than words, goes the old saying, and many Hamiltonians find that their fellow compatriots lack of action speaks the loudest of all. "Anybody will say hi to you when you are walking and pass one on one, but NOBODY can say it when there are many people out," rants Ben Turner '05. Cate West '06 shares a similar observation, "I fail to understand why I constantly see people who, no matter what, will not smile. Why? It does not take that much energy. Moreover, not smiling doesn't make you look cool. It just makes you look mean and sad."

This non-smiling, non-head nodding, non-acknowledging behavior most often takes place on Martin's Way in between classes, and at the dining halls during meal times. Michelle Butler '06 thinks "it is completely rude to purposely ignore someone in Commons, the library, wherever, with the intention of being 'cool'. How can anyone like you if you always pretend not to see them and casually blow by? This action destroys any chance for you to be a friendly, normal human being. This issue is one that my friends and I have always laughed about, but can never understand. One consolation we have found is that the people most commonly spoken of as fun and incredible are the ones who are the most inclusive and sociable people, the ones who will say hi to you in Commons because they genuinely want to talk to you."

Another action typically characteristic of the "Hamilton Cool" according to students is the undeniable urge to break things on campus, particularly in the early hours of the morning after a night of boozing. Duncan Lawrence '04, offers this bitingly sarcastic commentary on where the urge for destruction originates: "Here's how I see it. In fours years we have so much to do and so little time. We have a beautiful campus, historic buildings, Communist style housing, an education some people would give an arm and perhaps their third leg for. So much to be proud of and cherish. So I see no reason why breaking stuff should not fit right into that wonderful world of the Hamilton bubble -and by stuff, I mean everything of any significant monetary value and/or that might be useful or helpful or just perhaps beautiful that can be damaged in a drunken stupor and spurts of rage by individuals or preferably groups that seem to deem breaking stuff an acceptable and enjoyable experience on Thirsty Thursday, Forty Friday, Saranac Saturday or Sudsy Sunday."

Finally, appearance was something that came up again and again in discussion of what is cool and uncool. Appearance here means everything to a lot of people," one sophomore claims. "I want to wretch when I hear

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Adventures in upstate New York: The Madison Windpower Project

by Ellen Horbett '07
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Having spent many fall weekends of this year away from campus on required field trips or visiting family and friends, I did not suffer from the lack of engaging activity that usually affects Hamilton College students. But, a few weekends ago, I realized, once again, that the complaints I had heard were undeniable: students are hard-pressed to find entertaining and interesting activities on the Hill. And so, "Adventures in Upstate New York" (which may seem like an ironic title), was born. It offers weekly commentary on the local scene of events and activities. Keep an eye peeled for cool places and happenings, and you may find more to do in the coming weeks.

The Madison Windpower Project, located about 15 miles from Hamilton College, consists of seven 1.65-megawatt turbines that stand atop a 120-acre ridge in Madison County. The project began operation in October of 2000, the culmination of more than 10 years of research and development that eventually led experts to choose its present location.

As seen from the road, the giant "tubular-style" turbines resemble something from a sci-fi film: the great white rotating blades, well over 200 feet above our heads, appearing sleek and other-worldly next to the local farming landscape. On a clear autumn or winter day, the view from the ridge extends for miles, boasting an excellent panorama of colorful foliage and charming farm-country.

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One of the turbines at the Madison Windpower Project in Madison, NY

But beyond the benefits of the beautiful scenery and nice back-country drive (or bike ride, for the really adventurous), the Madison Windpower Project supplies visitors with a greater knowledge and experience of natural wind energy. A typical New York State power plant relies on fossil-fuel generation, and releases thousands of pounds of "greenhouse gases"-carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxide-into the atmosphere. The Madison Project, conversely, produces emission-free energy. That's zero emissions!

The Madison plant produces 24,000 megawatt-hours of emission-free energy annually. In other words, the seven turbines harness wind speeds of seven to sixty m.p.h. and supply electricity to approximately 10,000 homes annually.

So, go check it out! The Madison Windpower Project is both environmentally friendly and important, and it's kind of trippy, too. While you're waiting for CAB to bring more and better modes of entertainment to campus, take a drive down the Hill and explore a little. You may find something really interesting.

For more information about the Madison Windpower Project, go to www.purewind.net. Interested readers should research the National Energy & Gas Transmission, Inc. (NEGT), which is responsible for the lease agreement of the Madison Windpower Plant.

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New Commons creations answers: What should we eat tonight?

by Tracy Glass '04
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

"Commons creations" is a relative term. Many students, when interviewed, gleefully enumerated what they topped on their burgers as if a bacon double cheeseburger was something they invented freshman year with their friends. Other students have truly taken advantage of Bon Appetit's display to create some stunning renditions of popular favorites. The following is a listing of recipes found on students' plates last Thursday night in Commons. Feel free to tote this list of recipes to the lone, and ever popular, George Foreman Grill. Make sure you give a nod to those students brave enough to have their name tagged on to their creations.

Pizza Bagel
Joanna DuFour, '06
Bagel
Maranara Sauce
Cheese
Microwave.

Orange Creamsicle
Brendan Bell '06
Orange Soda
Vanilla Ice Cream

Strawberry Heaven
Nicole Knapp '05
In a cup whip together
Vanilla Ice Cream
Whip Cream
Strawberries.
Available on Weekends.

Crispie Treats
Katie Yates '05
In a cup combine
Rice Crispies
Marshmallows
Chocolate Chips
Microwave.

The President Stewart
President Stewart
Avocado and
Grapefruit with
Vinaigrette.

PB and C
Lizzie Fazio '04
Bread
Peanut Butter
Chocolate chips
Grilled up in the Forman.

Tortilla Dessert
Caitlin Foley '04
Tortilla
Melted butter
Cinnamon sugar
Rolled up for dessert.

Sherbert Mist
Amanda Merrow '07
Lime Sherbet
Sierra Mist Soda

Mustard Dressing
Jessica Djilani '06
Olive Oil
Balsamic Vinaigrette
Spicy Brown Mustard
Wisked and poured over salad.

Warm Grapenuts
Microwaved Grapenuts in milk. Add brown sugar and raisins.

Poutine
Craig Kennedy '05
French Fries
Gravy
Cheese. Said best in Kennedy's French Canadian accent.

The Day After Thanksgiving
Sandwich.
Toast. Turkey,
Jelly (or hold out for the cranberry sauce) and Cream Cheese.

Sweet Banana Butter Sandwich
Jessica Wolinsky '06
Wheat Bread
Peanut Butter
Banana slices
Honey optional
Grilled up.
Elvis's favorite.

Turkey Philis
Matt Jones '04
Turkey
Provolone
George Forman Grill.
A guy's version of creativity.

Chicken Quesadilla
Brendan Bell '06
Frank's hot sauce (prioritize).
Diced grilled chicken
Various types of cheeses
Micro then Forman.
Salsa. Salt.

Latenight
Chris Martin-McNaughton '05
Pizza topped with cream cheese and olives. A sobering version of Tony's with blue cheese. Only in upstate New York

Ice Cream Sandwich
Two cookies with a scoop of icecream smushed in between. Rolled in sprinkles.

Bruschetta
The stale slices of bread topped with oil, vinegar, garlic, onions, and tomatoes. Make a plateful for the table.

The Scott Gordon
Scott Gordon '04
The big loaves of bread sliced open with salami and provolone. Microwave to melt the cheese. Add lettuce
Tomato, onion and Italian Dressing.

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girls saying things like, 'Oh, yeah, I love my (insert brand name here) pointy-toed knee high boots! They are just so comfortable' - No, sweetheart, they aren't, they just make you look cute. Whatever happened to being yourself and people accepting you for who you are as a person? I'm not saying everyone on campus is like this, but I have encountered numerous examples that just piss me off."

Tucker Hutchinson '07 asserts that acting "too cool" is "both immature and probably a sign of insecurity" but suggests that "the phenomena is much larger than Hamilton as a school" and Rob Dunn '07 adds, "If that's the Hamilton 'cool' way to be, to hell with it. Is there something about this place that sucks the enthusiasm out of people? I think the Hamilton Cool is closer to the standard of cool people everywhere, but, the problem is that no one is cool. Everyone is lame." Kristina Cerrone '06 claims that the "Hamilton Cool" should be the "Hamilton Uncool."

Obviously, we all came to Hamilton anyway, regardless of the mysterious cool - and, once we got here, most likely found that for every student who sat in the back, there was another who actively raised his or her hand, said hi to friends and strangers, was actively involved, and stood up for themselves and others. Nicole Lemanski '04, admits, "I love saying hello to everyone on Martin's Way, plus I talk way too much in class and ask all kinds of questions. It makes life more interesting. College is all about what you put into it!" Tucker believes that "the Hamilton community is much warmer than you would find almost anywhere else. I believe fostering an even more vibrant and accepting community is a fantastic goal; but I also think it should be noted that Hamilton is already an open place, especially for those with the right attitude. I smile at strangers everyday and can't remember once getting an unfavorable response."

Rob Dunn '07 suggests, "Get interested in your life, in the people around you, in what you believe and enjoy. Work hard. Play hard. Life is what you put into it, so if you don't take an interest in yours of course it isn't interesting. Have a good jump shot, a good Beirut shot and show your teachers that you're not comatose. Maybe I'm not the Hamilton Cool, but I think that's the problem of the Hamilton standards."

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THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

12 YEARS AGO
November 8, 1991

Fourth Attack Reported

The wave of attacks on Hamilton students continued Saturday morning when a man holding a glass bottle pursued Scott Griffin '94 from the South to North side of campus.

Griffin said he was walking back from the South side of campus between 3:30 and 4 a.m. November 2 when, after crossing College Hill Road, he heard sounds behind him Griffin said he turned around and saw an older-looking man about six foot tall with long, dark hair and a moustache. Griffin said the man was wearing blue jeans, a blue jean jacket, a blue hat, and was gripping a beer bottle by the neck.

Griffin saw the man first when the man jumped and hid behind a large tree. Griffin said he could see the man trailing him behind a row of bushes as Griffin approached the area between Commons Dining Hall and Buttrick Hall. Griffin said he also heard the man mumble repeatedly the words "Hamilton Rugby," which were written on the jacket Griffin was wearing.

"When he got to the end of the bushes," Griffin said, " he started chasing me." At that point, Griffin said he ran "really quickly" to the doorstep of Alpha Delta Phi, the place of his residence. He said he could hear the leaves rustling behind him, and last saw the man near North Residence Hall.

Griffin called Security, who responded immediately with both officers on duty. Griffin said Security searched the area but couldn't find a suspect.

28 YEARS AGO
November 7, 1975

Faculty and Students Attack Constitution

The Kirkland Steering Committee's proposed constitution set off a barage of sharp criticism from both faculty and students at the Assembly meeting Monday.

The aspect of the reform which came under heaviest attack was the proposed separation of faculty and students into two legislative groups rather than the present unicameral system. Under the proposal both groups would have a veto over the other's decisions and a joint meeting could be called by faculty or students in case of an issue that concerned both groups.

David Locke, Assistant Professor of American Studies said "the implication [of the Steering Committee's proposal] is that the twin problems of effectiveness and participation can be accomplished by separation and isolation."

Assistant Professor of History David Miller went on to say, "if we sell ideals short then we will never be what we want to be."

George Bahlke, Associate Professor of Literature, said the question was not of balance or imbalance of power. "We're losing sight of the whole question of meaningful dialogue," he said.

Echoing this, Anne Albright '76 said, "academic and student life is inextricably linked for students and this is something this document negates."

11 YEARS AGO
November 6, 1992

Colgate battle could have major implications for equity in Hamilton sports

A Federal mandate, currently under appeal, may force Hamilton and colleges nationwide to establish varsity status for women's club teams.

Last month the issue of equality between the sexes exploded when the Federal Court ordered Colgate University to raise its women's club ice hockey team to varsity status.

Hamilton Athletic Director Tom Murphy said the College is "watching what happens very closely."

U.S. Supreme Magistrate David Hurd said that Colgate violated Title IX, the federal law prohibiting discrimination in education, because the college did not provide opportunities for the women's club team equal to that of the men's varsity.

Colgate President Neil Grabois said "the effect of this judgement would be virtually to take the administration of athletics out of the hands of the people on campus and place it with the courts." He said he foresees "damaging changes in athletic programs" if the Hurd decision stands.

Murphy and Geri Knortz, Director of Women's sports at Hamilton, say they are committed to equality between men and women's varsity teams on a high level, and they agree that this takes time.

Student Assembly reconvenes to discuss Citrus Bowl and upcoming events on campus

The Student Assembly has been hard at work! To see a detailed outline of our meeting minutes, please see our Student Assembly Website. Here, we will give you some of the highlights of our agendas.

We have devoted a considerable amount of energy to the Citrus Bowl after speaking with Head Ice Hockey Coach Grady and the Athletic Director, Dave Thompson. The Assembly has been brainstorming ways to make the Citrus Bowl a continued success, but without the previous chaos that has ensued as a result of millions of oranges, candy, seafood, and other items that have been pelted at the ice and opposing team members. Hamilton is a host, and as a community we must respect the teams by supporting our own men in a more appropriate manner.

As a result, every class will sponsor an event that will keep the Citrus Bowl a tradition. The Assembly also met with the Editor-in-Chief of the Spectator, Chris Takacs in order to discuss some of the issues that the student body has raised about the paper. Issues discussed were the new sex column and its appropriateness in the paper. The Assembly has been working hard to also deal with the issues of social life, alcohol policies and related topics. The Student Relations committee is currently working with the InterSociety Council to put a public forum together to openly discuss these relevant issues on campus. Stay tuned for upcoming events and information on the Assembly.

- Beth Conway '05

Class of 2004

The Student Assembly and the Class of 2004 kindly reminds everyone (and will continue to do so) that there will be absolutely, positively no throwable objects allowed in Sage Rink for the Citrus Bowl on November 21. You will be thrown out of the Rink if you are found to have any oranges, apples, grapefruits, lobsters, or whatever else might be thrown. Furthermore, if anyone decides to be sneaky and cut those nice nets that they installed in order to throw things on the ice, every single spectator in the rink will be removed. Every single spectator. And you don't want to be That Guy (or That Girl), do you?

The officers of the Class of 2004 are sponsoring a T-Shirt contest. Get your designs in to Jessica Weaver through campus mail no later than Friday, November 7.

The Class of 2007 is sponsoring an Open Mic Night on December 4th, from 9pm - 12am. Be on the lookout for more information. Get your guitar, poetry, lip-synch machine, or whatever it is you do and start practicing. Mimosa Morning is scheduled for Saturday, November 15 from 11:00am to 2:00pm in Bundy Dining Hall. There will be brunch food, mimosas, and jitney service. You must have your Little Pub ID in order to participate. There will be a Citrus Bowl Happy Hour at the Little Pub on November 21 from 4-6pm.

Class of 2005

The Class of 2005 would like to thank all Hamilton students for supporting this year's second annual Fall Fest. The student involvement and attendance was phenomenal. The Class is planning to sponsor an event this year at the Citrus Bowl. It is important to our class that we make the Citrus Bowl a tradition and a continued success. The class will also be sponsoring a philanthropy event with the help of Bon Appetit which will occur during HAVOC's Hunger Week. If any students have input or ideas regarding the Citrus Bowl or the philanthropy event, please let a Class of '05 representative know!

Class of 2006

The Class of 2006 is contemplating alternative approaches to the Citrus Bowl, including the distribution of giant orange "#1" foam hands. This would be a possible deterrent to throwing oranges at the Citrus Bowl. This comes as a response to the Hockey Coach and Athletic Director who asked the Student Assembly to think of a way to approach the student body about throwing oranges into the rink because of the dangers involved and the disadvantage to our team.

Other issues raised at the Student Assembly meeting affecting the Class of 2006 regards the issue of censorship in the Spectator as a result of the Sex Column. The issue was brought up in response to the concerns of some Alumni, professors, and students.

Alex Kaufman, the President of the Class of 2006 and a Cable Commitee member, was in agreement with the Cable Committee to present legislation to the Student Assembly members to drop MSG and the Family Package (but keep the Learning Channel and Discovery Channel), therefore saving $10,000. Student Assembly would then be responsible for paying only $500 for the cable package. Also presented was the idea that, starting next semester, members of the student body would be eligible to purchase their own premium channels through the cable company.

The next major event scheduled for the Class of 2006 will be a class sponsored trip to a Syracuse basketball game, possibly in conjunction with the Brothers Organization and the Class of 2005.

The Class of 2006 is continuing its community service project of restoring an 1800's-era building in Utica to be used for an after-school program. This project is open to the entire community, and everyone's assistance is requested.

Class of 2007

I know by now you're wondering what's going on with your class council, and we are happy to tell you that many exciting events are coming up sponsored by the class of 2007. Our first Annual HamJam Showcase will be held December 4th, from 9-12 p.m. in Cafe Opus. We are looking for participants from the Hamilton community, so anything you have to give will be much appreciated. Let's get the ball rolling Class of 2007! As the most diverse class at Hamilton College, we know that there is plenty of potential and talent out there in the community. Even though this event is open to all students of Hamilton, we want to represent our class fully!

Another topic that we feel is very pertinent is the danger of bringing fruit into the Citrus Bowl. As First Years, we are all eagerly anticipating roaring crowds of support for our fantastic Men's Ice Hockey Team. However, in past years, the escalation of harm and penalties for the team has finally reached a breaking point. The Officers and Representatives of the Class of 2007 firmly stand behind the decision to ban all citrus fruits (oranges, pineapples, etc.) from the arena. In keeping the true spirit of the Citrus Bowl, we encourage ideas that will still spur our players on and keep up the energy of the game. So, listen up and start cranking out those ideas and support. We have an awesome class with Officers and Representatives who are ready to work for you. We hope to hear from you soon!

Student Interest Committee
(Chair, Julie Smith)

My project as the co-chair of the Student Interest Committee was to work on expediting the process of getting call boxes on campus. Student representatives Sara Feuerstein ('07) and Quang Nguyen ('07) and myself met with Patricia Ingalls, the Director of Campus Safety and Jeff Landry, Director of Residential Life, to investigate the matter. As a result of our efforts to persuade the school of the urgency for exterior call boxes due to the college's removal of 888 keys, seven exterior cal boxes will be installed following Thanksgiving Break. The new call boxes will be installed in the following locations: Bundy, Dunham, Carnegie, South, Babbitt, Milbank, and Macintosh. The boxes will further communication, as you can dial any on-campus number from them.

Schedule of events set for Parents Weekend

Saturday, November 8

7:30 a.m. **Parents Advisory Council Meeting** (by invitation only) - McEwen Dining Hall

8:30 a.m. - **Noon Registration** Emerson Hall (formerly ELS)-

9:30 a.m. **Family Weekend Welcome** - Remarks by President Joan Hinde Stewart in Wellin Hall

9:45 a.m. **Liberal Arts: A Return on Your Investment in Today's Economy** - lecture by Matthew Mc Kenna '72, senior vice president of finance, PepsiCo, Inc. - Wellin Hall,

10:30 a.m. **Career Conference Career Information for Parents of Seniors**
Kirner-Johnson 109 (Red Pit)

10:30 a.m. **Career Conference Career Planning for Parents of Non-Seniors** - Kirner-Johnson 144 (Auditorium)

10:30 a.m. **Collaborative Efforts of the Library and Information Technology**

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Family Weekend Cookout** - Soper Hall of Commons and tented area adjacent to South Court

Noon **Football vs. Bates College** - Steuben Field

1 - 3 p.m. **Open House at the Maurice Horowitch Career Center** - 202 College Hill Road

1 - 3 p.m. **Open House at the Afro-Latin Cultural Center** 204 College Hill Road

1 - 3 p.m. **Open House at the Clinton Historical Society**
1 Fountain Street, Clinton

1 - 6 p.m. **Open House and Reception at the Emerson Gallery** - Christian A. Johnson Hall

1:30 p.m. **Family Weekend Concert and Dance Performance** - Wellin Hall

1:30 p.m. **Fame, Faith and the Founding Fathers** - Lecture by Douglas Ambrose, Associate Professor of History in Kirner-Johnson 144 (Auditorium)

2:00 p.m. **Walking Tour of the Village of Clinton Business District** - Meet at the Clinton Historical Society, 1 Fountain Street, Clinton

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. **Faculty and Family Reception** - Hosted by President Joan Hinde Stewart in Beinecke

4:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Bon Appetit Invites Families to a Prime Rib Dinner** - Soper Hall of Commons

5 p.m. **Newman Mass** - Worship for the Catholic Community - Father John Croghan officiating - Chapel

7:15 and 8 p.m. - **Adirondack Adventure 2003 Slide Show** - Kirner-Johnson 144 (Auditorium)

8 p.m. **Family Weekend Concert with the Hamilton College Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble** - Wellin Hall

10 p.m. **A cappella Concert featuring the Buffers, Hamiltones, Special K and Tumbling After** - Chapel

Sunday, November 9

10:15 a.m. **Hamilton College Community Church Choir Rehearsal** - Chapel

11 a.m. **Protestant Worship Service with the Hamilton College Community Choir** Officiated by Jeffrey McArn, College Chaplain (Coffee, juice and bagels at 10:45 a.m.) Chapel

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Hillel Bagel Brunch** - Azel Backus House

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Bon Appetit Invites Families to Sunday Brunch** - Soper Hall of Commons

1 p.m. **Newman Mass** - Worship for the Catholic Community - Father John Croghan officiating - Chapel

Science & Technology

Understanding the AIDS dilemma

by Jennifer Ruch '06
SCIENCE WRITER

A disease as deadly as World War II has spiraled out of control and is killing people around the world. At the end of 2002, 42 million people world-wide were living with either Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or the retrovirus that causes it, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). The stigma associated with AIDS is only one of the reasons why many people are ignorant of or unwilling to discuss the issue. However, avoidance enables the disease to spread further and faster. Today many political leaders, celebrities, and other influential people have taken the initiative to teach people everything there is to know about AIDS.

Teaching the world's population how HIV is contracted - by having sex with an infected person, sharing a needle with an infected person, being born to an infected mother or by drinking infected breast milk, oral sex when a person has open sores, and very rarely through blood transfusions - will slow the progression of the disease. HIV is a disease that continues to wear down a person's immune system until it serves no purpose and makes a person very susceptible to opportunistic infections. When a person is first infected, he or she may show flu-like symptoms (headache, sore muscles and joints, stomach ache, fever). The virus multiplies in the body for about six months, during which the immune system begins to make antibodies, causing a person to test positive for HIV.

A person can stay healthy for ten or more years while HIV damages his or her immune system. A definitive way to measure how close a person is to acquiring AIDS is by counting a person's CD4+ cells (T- helper cells). A normal person has 500-1500 CD4+ cells, while AIDS patient has less than 200.

When a HIV patient gets an opportunistic infection, such as pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (lung infection), Kaposi's sarcoma (skin cancer), Cytomegalovirus (eye infection), or Candida (fungal infection) without treatment, the result is death.

AIDS is different in every person; some people die quickly after diagnosis, while others live relatively healthy lives for several years. Also, every patient dies of complications from different opportunistic infections, making it unlikely to ever find a cure for AIDS itself. Fortunately, researchers have found drugs that slow down the process of HIV and the damage it does to a person's immune system.

Testing is very important for two reasons. First, knowing that you are HIV positive may help you change behaviors that put others at risk. Also, an early diagnosis allows a doctor to monitor your immune system and provide long-term help. Second, a negative test result reduces anxiety. A scare will hopefully encourage people to change their dangerous behaviors. However, a negative result does not mean you are immune to HIV, and by continuing unsafe behaviors you remain at risk. A person should be tested if he or she suspects exposure from shared non-prescription drug needles or from sexual episodes with more than 3 people a year.

The most reliable way to prevent AIDS is to abstain from sex (all forms), until you are in a long-term, mutually monogamous relationship with an uninfected partner. Also, you should avoid using non-prescription drugs intravenously, and never share needles. Another vital form of prevention is educating adolescents before they begin having sex. AIDS is an epidemic of the young: 40 million people infected with HIV are under 25, and half of the new infections are between the ages 15 to 24.

No specific group or culture is held responsible for the extreme rise of HIV infections among the youth. Adolescents have a nonchalant attitude toward sex and feel invulnerable. Although most cannot remember a world free of HIV/AIDS, many teens still do not realize that HIV is contracted through sex. Kids are sexually active at younger ages than ever before, and a government report stated that 60% of teens have lost their virginity by their senior year in high school. Along with social inexperience and dependence on others, peer pressure influences the decisions made by teens.

Societies add to the problem by not teaching kids about HIV/AIDS. One reason for the lack of communication results from a political division in the United States over the issue of sex education in schools. One side backs comprehensive sex education, including discussion on condom use.

The other side promotes programs that encourage young people to abstain from sex until marriage. Research has found that countries with the youngest populations have the highest infection rates and therefore are in the greatest peril.

Overall, AIDS rates keep rising because of improper funding for preventive programs. Each year, an additional $3.6 billion could keep 29 million people from acquiring HIV. Fortunately, new programs have been started, such as MTV's Staying Alive. MTV understands that its population is primarily at risk so the broadcasting station is givinga life or death message, "if you let it AIDS will get you."

A Keiser Family Foundation study of US Census data from 49 countries, predicts the world wide total of people ages 15 to 24 who have HIV will increase by more than 70%(from 12.4 million to 21.5 million) by 2010.

The World AIDS Campaign 2003 focuses on the stigma and discrimination associated with AIDS. To many people, the disease is paired with prolonged illness, death, homosexuality, casual sex, and illegal drug use, all of which are hard to talk about openly.

Also, many communities are dealing with ignorance, denial, fear, and intolerance toward HIV/AIDS. The people with HIV in turn face discrimination at work, in medical offices, and sometimes in their own families.

The close-minded attitudes create an environment where HIV/AIDS can spread secretly and rapidly. Right here at Hamilton, AIDS Community Resources (ACR) is planning education and outreach projects.

Take some time during World AIDS Week, November 30 through December 6, to learn more or to get involved in the worldwide fight against AIDS.

The European's plan to chase comets

by Kosta Popovic '06
SCIENCE WRITER

On February 26, 2004, one of the most powerful rockets in the world will blast off from Kourou spaceport in French Guiana. On top of the giant Ariane-5, cushioned inside a protective casing, will be the Rosetta comet chaser, the most ambitious scientific spacecraft ever built in Europe.

Rosetta's mission is to complete the most comprehensive examination ever made of a piece of primordial cosmic debris - a comet. After an eleven-year trek around the inner Solar System, the spacecraft will home in on its fast-moving target, eventually edging to within just a few kilometres of comet 67P/Churymov-Gerasimenko. It will go into orbit and make observations as the comet journeys towards the sun.

The Rosetta's mission was approved in November 1993 by ESA's Science Programme Committee as the Planetary Cornerstone Mission in ESA's long-term space science program.

The mission goal was initially set for a rendezvous with comet 46 P/Wirtanen. After its launch was postponed, it is now aimed at Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, named after two Russian astronomers who discovered it in 1969.

Although 67P/C-G is roughly three times larger than the original Rosetta target, its elongated shape should make landing on its nucleus feasible, now that its lander package is being adapted to the new configuration before launch.

By researching 67P/C-G, scientists hope to unravel the mysteries of comets, as they are considered to be the most primitive objects in the solar system, the building blocks from which the planets are formed.

Billions of these giant chunks of ice still linger in the depths of space, the remains of vast numbers of objects that once surrounded our Sun and eventually came together to form planets. They are virtually unchanged after five billion years spent deep frozen in the outer Solar system, and contain complex organic compounds which some scientists believe may have provided the raw material from which life on earth was formed.

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Artist's rendition of the Rosetta comet chaser.

Some of the other measurements that scientists will look for to study the origin of comets, the relationship between cometary and interstellar material and its implications with regard to the origin of the Solar system are:

* Global characterisation of the nucleus, determination of dynamic properties, and surface morphology and composition.

* Determination of the chemical, mineralogical and isotopic compositions of volatiles and refractories in a cometary nucleus.

* Determination of the physical properties and interrelation of volatiles and refractories in a cometary nucleus.

* Study of the development of cometary activity and the processes in the surface layer of the nucleus and the inner coma (dust/gas interaction).

* Global characterisation of asteroids, including determination of dynamic properties, surface morphology and composition.

When Rosetta reaches the comet, it will drop a 100 kg lander the size of a washing machine which will descend at walking speed and harpoon itself to the comet's surface. Engineers were concerned that the lander, designed to touch down on a much smaller body, might travel too fast and topple over due to the comet's stronger gravitational pull.

To overcome this, they have fitted a mechanical device to stop it from tilting, in addition to the lander's existing three legs which will unfold and absorb the energy of the impact.

Additionally, the results of observing 67P/C-G from Hubble Space Telescope have helped ESA's mission tremendously. The scientists now know precisely the size and shape of the comet, allowing them to map out its gravitational field.

As for Rosetta's configuration, the booster has a similar configuration to the one used to shoot Europe's Smart 1 mission at the Moon in September. Rosetta, which has been stored in a facility in Kourou for the past nine months, will now go through the final testing program. Its communications system will be checked out, giant solar arrays - the width of a football pitch when deployed - will be re-fitted, and in January fuel will be pumped into the booster.

Hopefully, there will be no major problems with the planned take-off next February and we will be spectators of another step toward understanding our distant history and paving the way to grand future.

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Theater Department Presents: Thornton Wilder's *The Skin of Our Teeth*

Clinton, NY- The Hamilton College Department of Theatre and Dance will present Thornton Wilder's *The Skin of Our Teeth* under the direction of Professor Carole Bellini-Sharp on Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 13-15 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday, Nov. 19-22 at 8 p.m. All performances are in Minor Theater.

The Skin of Our Teeth has been described as a comedy-tinged look at an American family. Written by Thornton Wilder in 1942 following the playwright's trip to war-torn London, this play is a timeless statement about human foibles and human endurance.

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Make sure you see *The Skin of Our Teeth* in Minor Theater before it's too late!

The Skin of Our Teeth, which won the coveted Pulitzer Prize, follows the story of the Antrobus family, who represent the writer's idea of what the American people are all about. Wilder centers this allegorical play on the nuclear family. Mr. Antrobus (Tom Klaber '06) is the father of the family. He is an inventor and works very hard creating things such as the alphabet and the wheel to make life easier for his family.

Mrs. Antrobus (Shannon Fitzsimons '05) is a stay-at-home-mom who keeps the home fires burning against the threat of the coming Ice Age. Amy Schloerb '06 and Daniel Leonard '04 play the willful Antrobus children, Gladys and Henry.

For an added twist, Wilder includes the French maid/mistress/beauty queen Sabina (Gillian Smith '04), who provides an interesting contrast to Mrs. Antrobus' devotion while at the same time creating more trouble for Mr. Antrobus than he ever imagined.

Just as Wilder captured the essence of the human spirit in his most well-known play, *Our Town*, he once again provides an uncanny insight in to the soul of humankind when faced with extreme suffering. *The Skin of Our Teeth* dramatizes how humankind has survived great trials "by the skin of our teeth." By heeding the advice of previous generations and sticking to the best path, we can make progress.

Tickets for *The Skin of Our Teeth* are $6.00 for adults, $3.00 for seniors and students. All seating is general admission. Reservations are suggested as seating is limited. For reservations or more information, call Anne Riffle in the Department of Theatre and Dance at (315) 859-4057.

Family Weekend Entertainment

Clinton, NY- The Hamilton College Departments of Theatre, Dance and Music will present several free performances in Wellin Hall to celebrate Hamilton College's 2003 Family Weekend, November 7-8. The Hamilton College Dance Program and Hamilton College Choir and College Hill Singers will share a two-part program on Friday, Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 8 at 1:30 p.m. The Hamilton College Orchestra (HCO) and Jazz ensemble will perform on Saturday evening at 8 p.m.

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

See the joint Dance/Choir and College Hill Singers program on Fri. at 8 and Sat. at 1:30.

"The College Choir and College Hill Singers will be performing a great variety of pieces," says Professor Kolb," ranging in time from a lament written in 1492 upon the death of Lorenzo di Medici, to a setting of an E.cummings poem by a young composer based in Ithaca, Elizabeth Alexander. We will also sing motets by Bach and Bruckner, a Cole Porter song, a Scottish folksong, and a rousing spiritual."

"Parlor Games," choreographed by Elaine Heekin, is a lively, spirited piece based on Fernand Leger's painting titled "Three Women" (1921). Visual artist Kim Waale designed the set that incorporates larger than life images seen in "Three Women." Performers Ashley Jaffee-Anechiarico, Heather Koniz, and Jackie Kook explore this "Alice in Wonderland" environment in a playful, carefree manner. The piece is set to the music of Italian vocalist Paolo Conte.

"Out of Order Out of Place" choreographed by Bruce Walczyk plays with images from past, present and future and juxtaposes them in a present day setting. The sound score includes live balifone played by Richard Lloyd and a recording of "The Master Musicians of Jajouka" featuring Bachir Attar. Performers include Evan Adkins, Cecile Brosset, Gus Katsuras, Jackie Kook, Richard Lloyd, Cosmina Marin, Tanya Namad, Quang Nguyen, Truong Nguyen and Matt Pabis.

Professor Walczyk adds, "the performance includes guns, Malay and Thai swords, Malaysian umbrellas, handheld spotlights, a vintage portable color TV and house antennas oversize martini glasses ,beer, Israeli gas mask, East German rain suit and a balifone from Mali." It should be quite a performance.

Leslie Norton will present a ballet entitled "Con Brio," danced to selections from Alexander Glazunov's ballets "Raymonda" and "Ruses d'amour." Two male guest artists, Darren McIntyre and Todd Fox, have been engaged to dance the principal roles. Australian-born Darren McIntyre has performed extensively in U.S. and Europe. He is currently a principal dancer with the Ajkun Ballet. Todd Fox is associated with the New York City-based Fugate/Bahiri Ballet NY. Hamilton students Laura Dick, Jane Fitzgerald, Heather Koniz, Casey Loomis (a Hamilton Bridge student), Katie Plumb, and Mary Ann Vicari will perform with the guest artists in various ensembles and pas de deux.

The College Choir and College Hill Singers will perform short choral works by Randall Thompson, Anton Bruckner, Heinrich Isaac, Elizabeth Alexander, Cole Porter, Moses Hogan, and Jon Washburn.

Led by Heather Buchman, the Hamilton College Orchestra will perform Finnish composer Jean Sibelius' late Romantic masterpiece, Symphony No. 2 in D major. They will also give a sneak preview of Lucio Petroccione's piece, *Kill Devil Hill*, which the HCO has commissioned to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first powered flight.

"One thing that ties the pieces together" says Prof. Buchman, "is that the Sibelius symphony was composed in 1901-02, at the same time that the Wright Brothers were doing their glider experiments at Kill Devil Hill in preparation for their successful flight in 1903!"

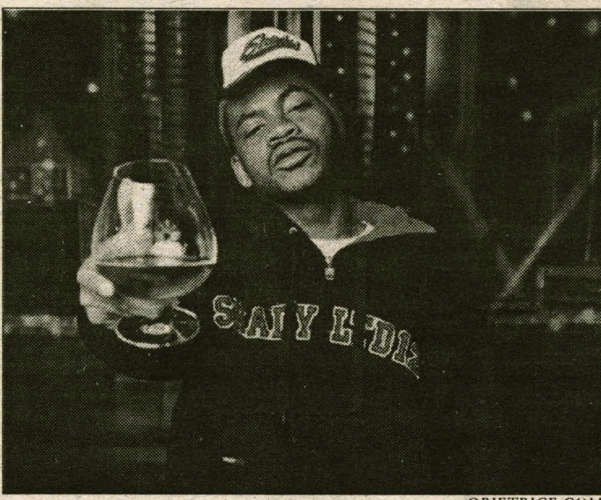
Closing out the Family Weekend performances, "Doctuh" Mike Woods directs the Hamilton College Jazz Ensemble in a half-program of great charts that will feature the skills of student jazz musicians.

All of the Family Weekend events in Wellin Hall are free and open to the public. Seating is general admission. For more information, please call the box office at 859-4331 and leave a message. Compiled and edited by Brett Greenspan '06.

Obie Trice: Real Name and No Gimmicks

Ben Critton '06 discusses the latest from the music industry

It's daring enough to go by your birth-given moniker in the hip-hop game, let alone to attempt to live up to the hype created by the label you've been signed to. Eminem's latest project, Detroit native Obie Trice and his debut *Cheers*, has the virtually insurmountable task of following the most successful rap act of the last six years or so. Trice's debut, *Cheers*, now must undergo the chore of following Shady/Aftermath's most recent endeavor, New York City's little-known 50 Cent.



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Doesn't he look like a gentleman? Toasting his audience with that glass of port, you buy his music to show your full support.

Indeed, Eminem succeeded in putting Detroit on the map first with himself and soon after with his group, D-12. Apparently, Mathers first heard Trice's distinctive style when the fledgling emcee rhymed to Eminem through the window of Em's limousine. He was signed soon after and went straight to the studio to begin work on the tracks that would come to form *Cheers*, named after, yes, the Ted Danson sitcom of yesteryear.

Label head and rapper Eminem spared no expense it seems. Production credits boast Marshall Mathers himself along with now-household names like Dr. Dre and fellow knob-twister Timbaland. Guest spots on some of the seventeen tracks (none of which are skits, thank goodness) include Busta Rhymes, Nate Dogg and labelmates D-12, 50 Cent, and G-Unit. The production in general is big and beautiful, layered and lovely; just like any gigantic-budget release should be.

Fantastically refreshing is the fact that Obie doesn't sound like anyone else in the industry. It's not to say that the content of *Cheers* is drenched in originality, but certainly Trice's innovative rhyme scheme and clever verses will earn him, if nothing else, handfuls of respect from hip-hop fans. With the single "Got Some Teeth" getting regular airplay on MTV, BET and MTV2, it's difficult to tell whether the mainstream will embrace the Detroiter like they have Fifty and Eminem. But given the mix of wittiness and street cred that embodies *Cheers*, Obie shouldn't have a hard time going platinum by the end of the year.

Movie News: *Elephant, Love Actually* and *The Return of the King*

Brian Sweeney '06 is here with the latest news stories and images from the entertainment world

Today will see the release of the film *Elephant* in a limited amount of theaters across the country. This movie, written and directed by Gus Van Sant (*Good Will Hunting*), has inspired a lot of controversy as a result of its subject matter which is not surprising since the film tells the story of an event similar to the Columbine shootings occurring at an Oregon high school. Surprisingly, it won the Golden Palm award at the Cannes Film Festival. Nobody expected it to win that award because of the way it polarized audiences, and so it was assumed that *Dogville*, a film by Lars von Trier that stars Nicole Kidman, would win. Elephant surely wont be opening in area theaters today, but hopefully it will find its way into a theater that is relatively close to campus in the coming weeks.

Also opening today is "the ultimate romantic comedy," entitled *Love Actually* which stars Hugh Grant, Liam Neeson, Colin Firth, Laura Linney, Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, Keira Knightley and Rowan Atkinson. Seems like a pretty good cast, doesn't it? Richard Curtis, the director, is also responsible for such films as *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Notting Hill*, and *Bridget Jones's Diary*. So, if any of those films sound like they are up your alley then you might want to give this one a shot.

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The Return of the King **arrives in theaters on December 17th and life on this planet will never be the same.**

This next movie, known as *Elf*, is one that I hate to give any publicity to (because it doesn't look good to me) but the word on it has been very positive from critics and audiences alike (in fact the reviews are more than twice as positive as those for *The Matrix Revolutions* at the moment). I'm sure you've all seen something on it - it tells the story of a man who grows up in the North Pole believing that he is one of Santa's elves only to realize that his real family is in New York and yadda, yadda, yadda, you know how it goes. What I've been hearing is that this movie is actually a nice little Christmas movie. One would expect an Adam Sandler type vulgarity surrounding the humor in the movie but on a second look at the trailers it seems that the humor is pretty innocent (which is backed up by the PG rating). The only thing I heard that sounds very appealing is that director John Favreau incorporated that great claymation Christmas style, which we have all seen in films like *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, to some of the film's scenes. So if you really want to see a good Christmas movie it seems that this movie actually might be worth it (but don't hold me to that).

In other news today, I have for you all the final theatrical poster for *The Return of the King*. I'm sure you'll notice the image somewhere within this article so take a look at it and enjoy. Though I love this poster I can't help but be annoyed at the prominence of Liv Tyler's Arwen on the poster. I would think that New Line is putting her there instead of the other characters to appeal to the female audience, but Miranda Otto's Eowyn is a much more significant character to the story, and she is nowhere to be seen. My guess is that there is something in Liv Tyler's contract that makes sure that she appears on all major publicity material. Anyway, the poster is still great and accentuates the story perfectly by showing the one side of the story that involves Aragorn and Gandalf underscored by the more intimate and emotional side that hinges on Frodo and Sam. *The Return of the King* opens nationwide on December 17th so you'd do well to start studying now for whatever final you have that day and the day after that.

As long as we are talking about the third movies in trilogies I might as well mention the following news in the Star Wars world. On Wednesday, the first footage from Episode III was screened at Skywalker Ranch at a Marketing "Summit" meeting. The footage depicted a scarred and darkly clothed Anakin Skywalker as well as footage from the duel between Anakin and Obi-Wan. As has been long rumored the duel will take place on a lava planet. The footage depicted the master and apprentice hopping back and forth between hovercrafts over a flood of lava. Sounds like fun, no matter how bad the movie as a whole is. Also, revealed at this summit was Lucasfilm's plans to release the Original *Star Wars* Trilogy on DVD in September of 2004 - now *that* is good news.

Fans of the movie *The Mask of Zorro* may be happy to know that a sequel is currently in the works. Both Antonio Banderas and Catherine Zeta-Jones are thinking about returning for another film, and it is even being said that Anthony Hopkins will return. I'm not sure how director Martin Campbell will be able to work in Hopkins' character seeing as he died at the end of the original movie, but I've learned to never underestimate the power of the sequel.

For fans of the books by Lemony Snicket will be happy to know that casting is currently underway for the film version entitled: *Lemony Snicket: A Series of Unfortunate Events.* Timothy Spall, currently filming *Harry Potter and the Prisoner Azkaban* (he plays Wormtail), has just been cast as Mr. Poe in the film. He will join Jim Carrey as Count Olaf, Jude Law as Snickett himself, and Meryl Streep as Aunt Josephine. Now, I didn't think too much of the first book, (the only one I read) but with a cast like that and a name as wonderful as Lemony Snickett, I just might have to see this movie.

The last story for today is pretty interesting. Craig Fernandez is currently writing a modern adaptation of Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*. The setting will move from Victorian England to present day Los Angeles and centers on a Mexican family. The movie will be produced by Camelot Pictures and directed by Fernandez himself with the title *Sensibilidad*.

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2. *Brother Bear*	$19,404,492	**$19,802,809**
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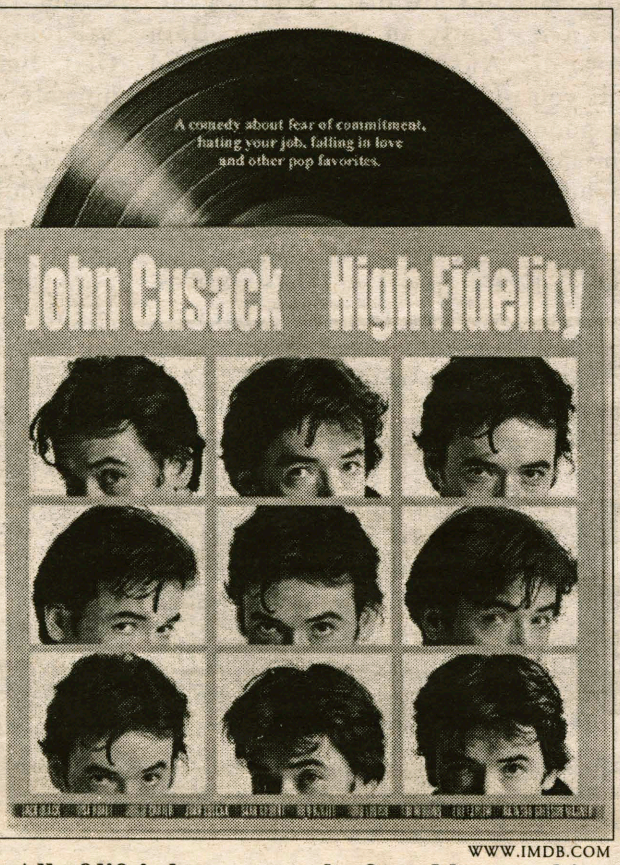
4. *Radio*	$9,638,693	**$26,245,062**
5. *Runaway Jury*	$6,525,082	**$33,315,320**
6. *Mystic River*	$6,232,376	**$33,546,588**
7. *Kill Bill: Volume I*	$4,529,607	**$60,801,929**
8. *School of Rock*	$4,522,814	**$69,244,526**
9. *Intolerable Cruelty*	$2,499,805	**$31,897,330**
10. *Good Boy!*	$2,262,583	**$35,258,470**

The Soundtrack to Your Life

Megan Semerod '06 discusses how we live by music

There's a great scene in the movie *High Fidelity* when John Cusack is grieving the loss of his girlfriend and finds himself justifying his actions of stalking her and her new roommate. The scene is a mix of pathetic vs. proud behaviors as he tries to sort his feelings and shamelessly begs her to come back while he stands in the rain looking and acting ridiculous. It is the music in the background, however, that really makes the scene work. Without it, I don't think we can get a sense of his desperation nor could we understand what they had together that made this parting impossible to accept. As Cusack's character explains throughout the film, every significant event has a song behind it. Each of us has a soundtrack playing whether it is audible or not. Think about it. Sometimes we gravitate to certain CDs for comfort or to celebrate or simply to escape. Then something happens and that song is forever linked to that event. That can be a good thing or it can be disastrous.

The act of burning a CD with selected favorites can sometimes replace a photo album of times and events. I look back on some of my homemade selections and even the titles hit me with a memory. As far back as I can remember, I have always cherished this need for music and lyrics in the background. My first soundtracks were Disney and although there are many movies that have produced some great soundtrack CDs, my personal favorites are the collections I created. They are a mix of tunes that depict what really happened and what I wish had happened. My weakness is that I usually choose one song that really speaks to my mood or current situation and permanently put it on repeat until those around me scream for silence. Which brings us to another thought - your soundtrack is personal and others may not relate to the need to include it on your "list." Just as Cusack's character lamented his loss by quoting the top ten break up songs, some day we will look back on Hamilton days with our own top ten list. Whether you choose tunes for the purpose of innuendo or crescendo, the importance is that you choose carefully. What music preserves this time of chaos best? Don't think that creating our soundtracks means that you select music reflecting 2000 whatever. Be creative. Dig into the vault if you must since you may only have 20 tracks to preserve these days.



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All of life's lessons can be found by watching as many romantic comedys as possible.

Favorites: *The French Connection*

Whit Rothe '05 is back to talk about another one of his favorite movies

It is hard to believe that a movie as popular as T*he French Connection* has faded from the memories of most moviegoers. Based on a true story, the film, made in 1971, won 5 academy awards including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Actor (Gene Hackman). Detective Jimmy "Popeye" Doyle (Hackman) is a tough cop in New York City. In his first scene, Popeye throws a criminal against a brick wall, grabs his throat, and yells at him until he gets the information he wants. Despite his harsh methods, Doyle and his partner Detective Buddy "Cloudy" Russo (Roy Schneider) are the two best detectives in the Narcotics Department. Things have been pretty quiet for these two, until they see some high-profile drug dealers meeting in a bar. After days of surveillance and wire-tapping, they uncover one of the biggest heroin-smuggling jobs in history. Despite the great plot and Hackman's fabulous performance as Popeye, the best part is probably the most famous and greatest car chase scene in the history of the motion picture. I wont spoil any of it, but I will say that it involves a car speeding through (real!) New York City traffic, and an out of control subway. It's pretty sweet and will blow your mind.

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Gene Hackman uses the classic Stooge technique of catching your eye by waving his hand while shooting you with the other. Just another reason to see this film!

However, I think that the appeal of *The French Connection* lies in its documentary style filming. The locations are always imbued with the appropriate tone by the stark, grainy photography. The music perfectly complements the action with its variably pulsing and perforating strains. The effects are heightened and the tensions and thrills created by the magnificent editing and direction. It is probably the most realistic Hollywood movie ever made and an absolute masterpiece.

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The final days of the football week

The team makes final game preparations and hits the field for its game against Colby

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flect, those wishes are respected.

An hour before kickoff. Guys are doing their own things. Some guys have their own headphones on. Other guys dress quickly. Some guys are talking about plays or formations. But despite what everyone is doing, you get goose bumps. This is the same football team we've seen for the last three or four years. These guys care. These guys play hurt. They don't get tired. They don't quite. They won't complain. They all have a common goal: victory.

Before the players enter the field, Coach Alvanos highlights some areas to focus on. The team huddles close. I huddle with the team. I'm tempted to throw on some pads and be on the sidelines with these guys. For seven days, these guys have watched hours of film, practiced in the snow and mud, all for sixty minutes. Hours and hours traded for sixty minutes. That is love. These guys truly love the game. And they believe that each time they step on the field they have an opportunity to win.

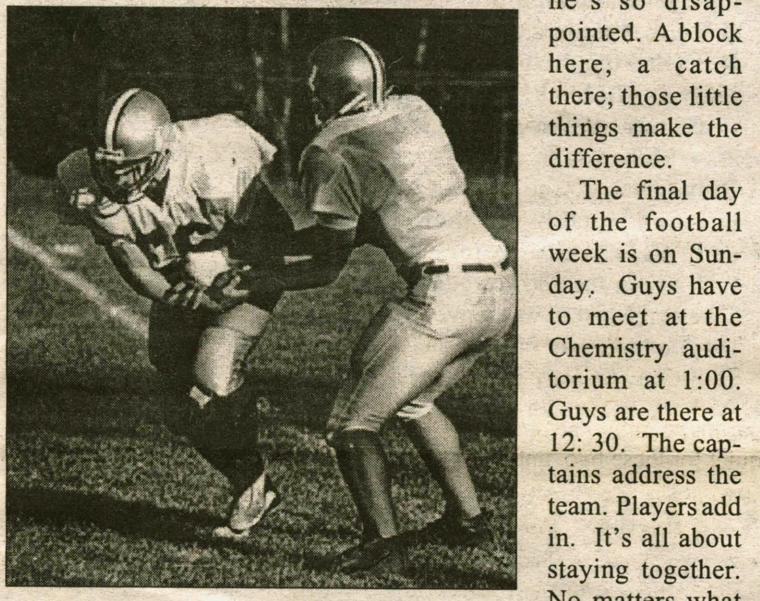
You can see the pride from Coach Alvanos. He knows that this is the best team he's had since he's been here. He appreciates the work his players put in. He demands maximum effort on every play, practice or game. He gets it.

After the coach says his final words, the players storm out. And then the game begins.

At halftime, it gets a little hectic. Offense stays in the main part of the locker room to remain with Coach Martinovich. Defense goes to the other end of the locker room with Coach Keady. Each coach has less than ten minutes to tell his players what improvements and adjustments need to be made, what plays have worked, and most importantly, provide inspiration to the players. The game is close, the players are still up, because they realize that one interception or one punt return can completely change the momentum of the game around.

The game ends.

Hamilton loses a heartbreaker. Guys walk in, looking like a family member died. They lost to a last-minute field goal. Blood, sweat, and tears run down most guys' faces. They need to be picked up. Coach Alvanos tries his best. Coach looks run down. All week he's led the team in everything, and was so close to leading his team to victory. He tells the guys that he's not mad; he means it. But he's so disappointed. A block here, a catch there; those little things make the difference.



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Hamilton gives maximum effort on every play, even if it's at practice

The final day of the football week is on Sunday. Guys have to meet at the Chemistry auditorium at 1:00. Guys are there at 12: 30. The captains address the team. Players add in. It's all about staying together. No matters what happen, it's imperative that the team is one. The captains do a great job of it. At 1:00, on the button, the coaching staff walks in. Dead silence. Coach Alvanos says some things. You understand why these guys play for this coach. He cares about each player as if they're his own sons. And each player knows this.

Everyone stays in the auditorium to watch special teams film. For about an hour, the team reviews mistakes, highlights good and bad plays, and the coaching staff offers suggestions to players. After special teams film is finished, the offensive and defensive units split. Offensive stay and watches film. Defensive goes to the pool for the workout.

I stayed with the offense. Each position player sits with his position coach. The offensive coordinator selects certain plays to review. You always hear about a coach saying, "Well we missed blocks, dropped some passes, etc." But let me tell you, even when coaches sound redundant, it finally makes sense. When you're watching film, you can really see the mistakes. The coaching staff continues to repeat its suggestions because, on a weekly basis, the minor things in the game lead to defeat. Watching film on Sunday is an integral part of the football week.

After the offense watches film for an hour, they go in the pool for an hour. And, finally, the week ends.

And I only provided a rough outline of the week. It's a lot more in depth and difficult than I could ever portray.

Don't question the team's work ethic, dedication, or intensity. Don't question the coaching staff, the players, or the program as a whole. These guys give everything they can, and they need some motivation from people beside themselves. It had better start this Saturday, at their final home game.

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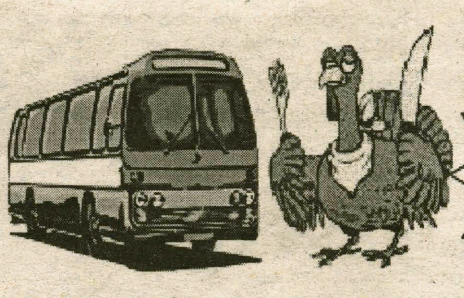

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Athlete of the week: Brandon Holtslag '06

by Andrew DeCastro '05
SPORTS EDITOR

This week's Spectator *athlete of the week is Brandon Holstag '06. Holtslag is the starting quarterback and punter on the football team. He has thrown for 1069 yards and eight touchdowns in seven games so far this year.*

Name: Brandon Michael Holtslag
Nicknames: Slag, Halfslag, Holslagger, Bitch, B to the T
Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Whitesboro, Ny
Major: Astro Phsyicks
Hobbies: Chasing high school girls with Sessa, ceramics, collecting butterflies, playing in chess tournaments, and singing to my roomate.
Marital Status: No wives, 3 kids.
How does it feel to get the first win in two years: It was like this time when Bowlby bumped into me in the shower. It was great.
Do you find more pressure to get more win's after the first win: Of course you find more pressure. The last four years we've only won one game, and I don't want every year to be like the last cause this year's team is much better than those teams and deserve more than one win.
What's your biggest moment as a quaterback at Hamilton thus far: Besides winning my first game in two years, when my great offensive line coach decided to make Carlos Mercedes my center, I thank him...
Where do you think this program is headed: The program is growing and improving every year. I think that in a year or two we're gonna be one of the best teams in the NESCAC.
What NFL quaterback do you admire and why: Tim Rosenbach, played quarterback for the Cardinals back in the day. He was not so good, couldn't really throw the ball that well; sort of like me. But he was a big drunk, and I love that about him. Not only him but Tom Tupa cause not only was he a great punter, but he played emergency quarterback, what a guy.
Who would you fear lining up against you in the NFL: Marcus "Juba man" Juba. He's a living Hamilton legend, almost as much as I'm afraid of Martin Gramatica.
Who hits the hardest in practice: I love the guys but I'd have to say I'm the hardest hitter. I hit so hard the coaches won't even let me hit anyone during practice because I caused too many injuries.
What the difference between this team and last year's team: We don't get beat 40 points a game. Carlos made it through every game. Length of players' hair. Bradley's blazing speed. Butterhoffs raging off the field antics (this kids crazy). Our drunken friends: the dogpound. And Jay Wrong as our coach.
What coach can you relate to most on the team: Coach Brown, because of our similar body types, playing style, and athletic ability. We're also both local New Yorkers with great hair.
What should a single girl know about you: Milbank 23E, number is 2015, and I'll try anything once.
Describe the tatoo on your leg: It's a barb wire, with some black lines going around it. It didn't really take too long cause my leg is extremely skinny. It hurt like a bitch, but as you can all tell it was very well worth it.
Do you have a go to receiver: I can't remember what her name is, but on the field its gotta be good ol' Sam Peskin.
What's your idea of a perfect date: Candle light dinner at a 5-star restaurant, bottle of wine,

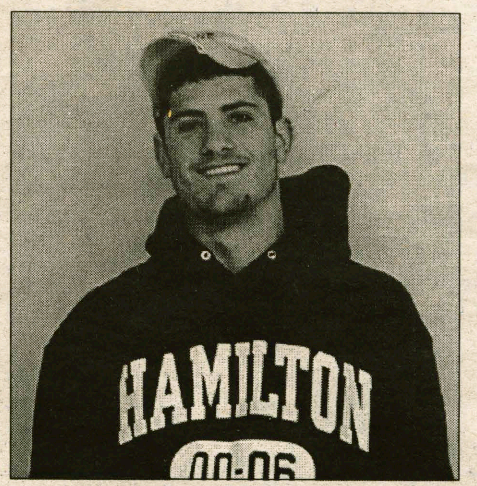


PHOTO BY MICHAEL PROIA '05

Holtslag is all smiles unless he meets the feared kicker, Martin Gramatica.

walk down Martins Way hand in hand, then sitting in the jacuzzi listening to Frank Sinatra, ending the night with a firm handshake, maybe a hug, if I'm lucky.
Describe the living environment at Millbank. Real World + Survivor + Porno video + Jackass = Milbank.
Rumor has it you have an interesting ritual in the shower on Fridays: Well I like to be the first guy in the shower but I'm always the last guy to leave.
Do you have any funny stories about any of your teammates: With the meatsticks on this team, there's a different story every day. Bowlby has at least three stories a weekend, Trummer has his high school friend, Sessa has Richmond, Smitty has Notch. You figure them out.
If you could date one person on the football team, who would it be and why: Well there's just so much to choose from but the perfect one would be Richmond's Boobs + Smitty's ass + Bowlby's smile + Murph's goldenlocks + Harley's body + Piz's shaved body = my perfect football date.
What's it like to put your hands on the center's ... when you're not in the shotgun: Well normally it isn't bad because most centers like to wear CUPS, but for some reason mine does not.
What can we expect on offense against Bates this weekend: 42 points, 500 yards, and Kevin Canole's first touchdown in his career at Hamilton.
What would it take for the Hamilton football team to beat Bates: A lil blue and a whole lot of buff.

Field hockey closes season on a positive note

by Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College field hockey team finished its 2003 season on a very positive note, winning their final game of the season and the final game of the senior's careers. The Hamilton women went into their final game after two losses which had been preceded by two shut-outs, but their play remained unaffected against Vassar.

The team came out very strong and persevered until the end, when in fitting fashion senior co-captain Erin Turcot, one of team's best players, netted the winner with five seconds remaining in the game to break a 3-3 tie. Turcot capitalized on a penalty stroke at the end of the game and sent the women of Vassar away with a bitter last second defeat.

"The Vassar game was a complete team effort but the seniors played their hearts out, we played until we had nothing left," said senior captain Amy Mills.

In their previous two games, Hamilton traveled first to SUNY Oneonta and then to RPI and unfortunately came away with two heart breaking losses by only one goal. They played both schools agressive but the ball just did not bounce their way.

PHOTO BY KIM WALKER '07

Inga Stots (21) fires the ball up the field towards the net.

They lost to the girls from Oneonta 4-3 and then just three days later lost to RPI 3-2. In both of the games, the Continentals allowed their lead to slip away in the second half. These close losses did not set the team back and they knew what they had to do going into their final game of the season. All year the Continentals have suffered close losses and the whole year they persevered knowing that they were going to get their break soon enough.

This break came against Vassar, and the women were determined to pick up a "W" in their season finale.

"The game against Vassar was one of the most exciting games of my college career and it was perfect closure for our team. It felt so amazing to win the last game, especially since we won in the last five seconds," said Mills.

The Continentals came out firing against Vassar and jumped to a quick 3-1 lead going into the second half thanks in large part to a show put on by senior co-captain Amy Mills, who had a hat trick in the first half, netting all three goals.

Hamilton let down a little in the second half allowing Vassar to come back and tie the game at three apiece, but the Continentals were not going to let a second half lead slip away for the third time in a week. Hamilton's defense stepped up late in the second half and waited for the offense to get their chance.

The chance came with only five seconds remaining in regulation play by way of a penalty against Vassar.

Turcot, who had been one of the strongest players all season, lined up to take the shot and put it past the Vassar goalie for the game winner. Senior Sarah Baldwin turned away eight shots in goal for the Continentals.

When asked about the highlights of the game, Amy Mills had many in mind, "Baldwin's numerous saves, Katlyn McGee '06 threw herself in front of a ball to keep it from scoring, Vassar was awarded a penalty shot for this but Baldwin came up big and saved it, and of course Turcot's penalty shot with five seconds remaining!"

The win improved the team's record to 2-5 in UCAA play and 4-10 for the season. Although their record may not reflect it the season was very positive for the women who got a lot of strong play from many people on the team.

"Our record definitely does not reflect the team we are but the team and our coaches know how talented we are and how dedicated we were this season," said Mills. "I'm really proud of our team and I know everyone played with heart the entire season."

They have a lot to look forwardto next season; graduating only five players from this year's team. The major losses will be the two captains, Amy Mills and Erin Turcot, as well as Eden Self, all of whom were large contributors to Hamilton's offense.

The team returns many key players, one of whom is sophomore goalkeeper Megan Blair. Overall the team had many ups and downs this season but finishing with a win is a big positive for the team.

"I think we reached a new level this year and even though our record doesn't show how much we improved and how strong we are, the team next year just needs to continue to work hard and be confident," commented Mills.

"The team has four juniors that will be seniors next year and all will contribute greatly. We also have a strong freshmen and sophomore class which creates a strong core for next season!"

Rounding up the action across the sports world

by Michael Proia '05
SPORTS EDITOR

It's been a while since *The Spec* has run a general sports round-up, and while I was sitting around watching sports this week, a few thoughts occured to me. Here's my take on what's what in the sporting world right now.

NBA

The Lakers are off to a somewhat surprising start. Their undefeated record doesn't really surprise me, but rather the way they are playing together. Kobe has returned and is quickly proving he will still be one of the top scorers in the league when he is playing. But the real story here is Gary Payton, who is proving that despite the miles run on his legs, he is still one of the best in the business. Good for Gary, finally getting the respect he deserves. By the end of the year, he will prove he is better than anyone in the league, including Jason Kidd. The Lakers have put the off-season and bickering behind them, and could be looking at 75 wins by the end of the season.

LeBron James has lived up to the hype. He shows the heart of a champion, and gets out and runs the floor as well as any 6' 8" player ever. Carmello Anthony has scored, but has not lived up to his reputation as a mid-range shooter. Both rookies have proved to be worth top three draft picks, and LeBron has so far lived up to the hype and pressure that the league and fans put on him. One thing that is nice to see is that they may develop a rivalry to match Wilt and Russell or Bird and Magic. Jordan never had a single rival pushing him his whole career, and I always felt it held him back. And no, Jordan is not the greatest player to ever live. If he were, he would have won a title before Larry and Magic were done playing. Hopefully King James and 'Melo will bring the best out of each other. The first head-to-head battle was a bit of a bust, but they're young and playing with young teams, so give them some time

Not surprisingly, these are the only two real stories in the NBA so far (with the exception of a few injuries).

NHL

There has been no word on the collective bargaining agreement, and things don't look good for the league. Too many teams are losing money and filing for bankruptcy. If the players and owners can't see that the league cannot afford a strike or lockout, then the league deserves to fold. Players and owners need to stop talking about the business and give the fans what they want: games! It's a game, and with the television ratings the way they are, no second half of the season or playoffs could spell doom for the NHL.

On the ice, Tampa Bay played eight games without losing to start the season, and right now are the class of the league. They have been riding the back of goalie Nikolai Khabibulin's hot start.

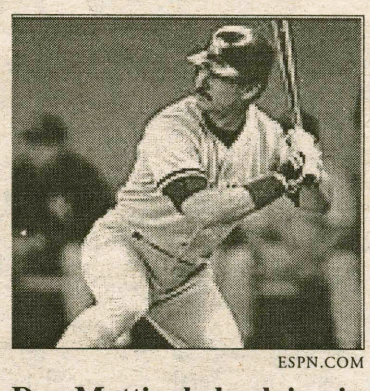
What's interesting is that more and more teams seem to be embracing the "goalie-by-committee" philosophy. The Bruins have had great success swapping Andrew Raycroft for Felix Potvin. The Blackhawks, Wild, Islanders, Coyotes, and Flyers also have gone with duel-goalie systems. If any of these teams have a definitive number one keeper at playoff time, the extra rest could be a big factor in helping them through the post-season.

MLB

Gold Gloves went out this week, and for the first time in thirteen years, Greg Maddux did not win the award for pitchers. Braves teammate Mike Hampton brought home the hardware, and deservedly so. Maddux allows runners to steal at will against him, and that's all part of defense for pitchers. Maddux's run of thirteen in a row will fall short of Jim Kaat's sixteen straight Gold Gloves for a pitcher.

Jose Cruz Jr. lucked out that ballots have to be in before the playoffs start because his costly errors in the NLDS proved what the Seattle Mariners said for years: great talent, lacks focus. He won an outfield Gold Glove, but plenty of guys deserve this award far more than Cruz.

On the player movement front, Houston cleared salary by sending Billy Wagner to the Phillies, and plan to make a push for Andy Pettitte. The Yankees may have to do more than retooling their coaching staff if they want to return to the series. And speaking of Yankee coaching changes, let's clear something up. Don Mattingly plays 15 years with the Yankees, and watches them win the World Series the year before he gets there and year after he retires, with zero in between. Now the Yankees' dynasty appears to be fading away for at least a few years with the dismantling of their pitching staff, and the Yanks want to bring Mattingly back? "Jordan fades back, launches, buries it, and that's the game!" Safe to say that's all for the Yankees for at least a little while.



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Don Mattingly back in pin stripes? Could the Yankees be headed for another championship drought?

The Red Sox tried to give Manny Ramirez away, and couldn't, and you would think this would send a message to Manny: shut up and play, cause nobody wants you with that contract. But Manny won't care either way and will be the same player he always has been. The-Manny-and-Alex-Rodriguez-on-waivers situation proves one thing at least: their agents were too greedy and put them in situations where their teams don't want them and can't get rid of them. If either had taken $5 million less per season, both would be out of tough situations. It's not the players that are greedy; it's the agents.

In some sadder news, Cincinatti Reds 25-year-old Dernell Stenson was shot to death this week and thrown from his own SUV. Stenson made his major-league debut this season and was considered a top prospect. The entire baseball world's thoughts and prayers are with the Stenson family and the Reds organization. I saw this kid play when he was in the Red Sox farm system, and he could have been a great major league hitter. It's another tragedy in the sports world.

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Quarterback controversies are popping up all over the play these days. Jeff Garcia vs. Tim Rattay in San Francisco. Rich Gannon vs. Marcus Tuiasosopo in Oakland. Jay Fiedler vs. Brain Griese in Miami. Drew Brees vs. Doug Flutie in San Diego. Kelly Holcomb vs. Tim Couch in Cleveland. And Denver loves Jake Plummer a lot more now after watching the Broncos lose two straight with Danny Kanell at the helm. In every case, the back-ups have outperformed the starters this year and loyalty for starters is a good policy for losing franchises, not winners. Look at the Packers and Patriots, who handed their teams to back-up QB's (Favre and Brady), and have not looked back since.

In Baltimore, Jamal Lewis may be headed towards a 2,000 yard rushing season, and if Baltimore wants to keep winning, they better hope he gets there. Kyle Boeller needs all the help he can get from his ground game.

In Denver, Mike Shanahan is being blasted for being "out coached" by Bill Belichick on Monday Night Football last Monday. In case you missed it, Belichick had the Pats take an intentional safety in the final minutes in order to trade points for field position, and the Patriots came from behind to win in the final minute.

New England has won twice in Denver since 1980, both wins coming under Belichick, and in both games he told his team to take a safety intentionally. Anyone else see a pattern? The Denver press should leave Shanahan alone; Denver got beat by a great team, in the final minute, because of a great play by Pro-Bowl safety Rodney Harrison, and a great final drive by the clutch Tom Brady. It could happen to anyone.

Sailing team finishes a successful season

by James Dinneen '05
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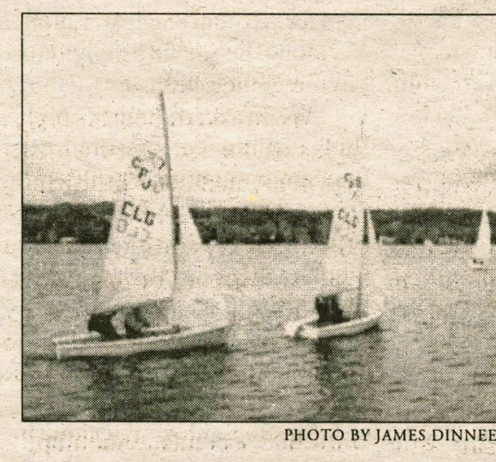
This past weekend, the sailing team derigged their boats and stored their gear; the fall season is over. This has been a successful season, as the team was able to participate in three regattas and move to the more accommodating Willow Bank Yacht Club. The Hamilton College Sailing team has come a long way over the past couple years.

The season began when the team moved their four FJs from Lake Oneida to Cazenovia Lake. The team had a great showing of support one Saturday in September when about 15 members of the team cleaned and rigged the boats in Cazenovia. They were then able to practice regularly at the Yacht Club with crash boats and with the Colgate Sailing Team.



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The sailing team enjoyed their last regatta despite windy conditions.

The first regatta of the season was north of the US border, at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. The first day of racing permitted only two races because of the excessively windy conditions (the result of a recent hurricane). The second day of the Queens regatta was an exceptional day for heavy air sailing. Hamilton finished in the middle of the fleet, a positive accomplishment for the team.

The second regatta of the year took place in the Bronx, on the East River. SUNY Maritime hosted the largest regatta that Hamilton would attend, with a total of 18 teams participating. Hamilton sailors battled strong currents and fluctuating winds.

"They were the most challenging conditions I have sailed in," said Jesse Gaylord '06.

The Hamilton team faced some of the best teams in the Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association, teams such as Navy and Hobart.

The final regatta for the Hamilton team was the Colgate Regatta, held at the team's new home, Cazenovia Lake. The light and shifty breeze frustrated Hamilton sailors all weekend, but they enjoyed the fun and friendly competition. Hamilton also assisted Colgate in its hosting role. Hamilton will offer to co-sponsor future events with Colgate in the coming years.

The Hamiltonsailing team grows ever stronger consisting of over forty team members presently. The sailing season has ended for now, but once the lake thaws in the spring the Hamilton sailors will be out racing again. The team is looking at ways to purchase a new fleet of boats to replace its aging FJs. (Some of these boats were made in 1978, making them older than most students.) Hamilton sailing looks to have a promising future with many talented freshmen and sophomores who had the opportunity to showcase their skills this fall.

A week in the life of a Hamilton football player

by Andrew DeCastro '05
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(Editor's note: The information in the following article was compiled by Andrew DeCastro, who spent a week following the football team. The Sports staff would like to thank Coach Alvanos, and the rest of the Hamilton coaching staff. We also thank the players, and everyone else involved in Hamilton's football program, including Sports Information Director Jim Taylor.)

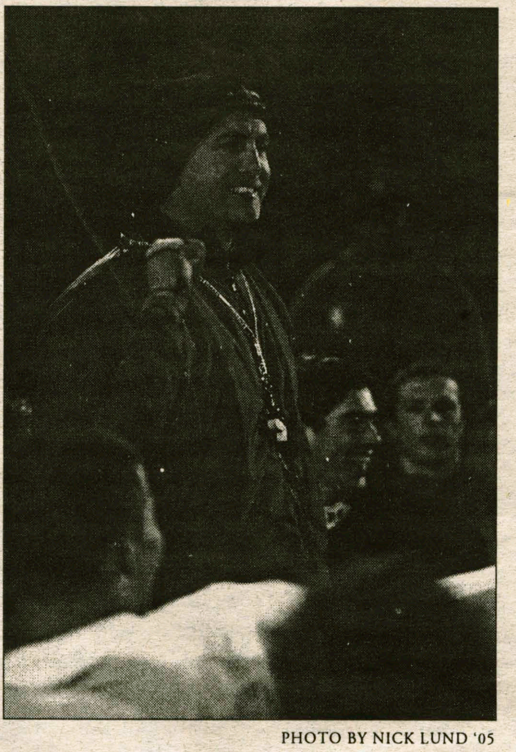
Let's face it, in my three years at Hamilton, the men's football team has struggled. Getting only two wins in three years doesn't really get the campus excited about football. At the start of this football season, however, people's opinions were changing. More hype began to circulate around campus. Everyone remarked about the strength of the incoming freshmen recruits. Combine the talented freshmen with a solid group of returnees, and that's the making of a solid NESCAC team. But, after seven games, Hamilton has only one win. The hype has subsided, and people's original opinions of the football program have returned.

I could be in the minority on this campus. I have not lost hope for the football program. I am here to lobby to those who doubt the football program. I am here to defend the players and coaches. And most importantly, I am here to defend the work ethic, intensity, and dedication that each coach and player has put into the program this year.

I had the opportunity to spend a week with the football team. I went to practices, team meals, and spent some time in the locker room. Why did I decide to spend a week with these guys? Because critics of the football team need to understand how hard the players and coaches work each week. The record that Hamilton has amassed this year certainly does not reflect the amount of time and effort each person in the program puts in. Each player, every day, gives maximum effort. These guys don't care about the record. The coaches don't care about the record. These guys love the game.

Hamilton football's first day of its week starts on Monday, their day off. Some guys spend a lot of time in the training room. This day is very important. It isn't just a sit- around- and- relax day. Guys get the treatment they need to be able to practice the next day. Other guys catch up on schoolwork because it's almost impossible to attain exemplary marks during the football season; football is a 24-7 job. Some guys take a ride on the bike, or take a brief run. Players realize that a light run can better prepare them for the upcoming practices. Even though the players get a day off, the coaches don't. The interns and the rest of the coaching staff are back at the college watching film at 8. They spend all day Monday watching film, formulating a new game plan that needs to be finalized by Tuesday morning.

And at 7a.m., the hard work from the coaching staff is formulated into a scouting report for the week. Players don't go out onto the field until the afternoon, but this morning session gives players and coaches an opportunity to have important meetings.



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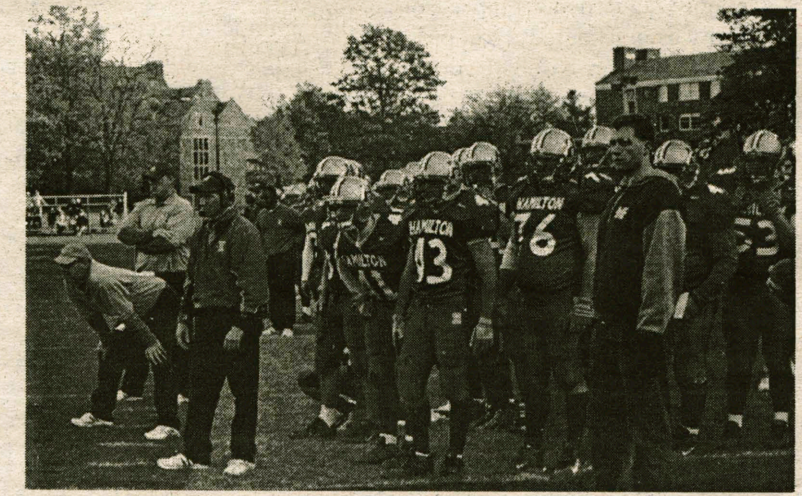
Coach Alvanos treats each player as if they were a member of his own family



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No one should question the Continentals work ethic, dedication, or intensity

The players split into offense and defense. Offensive and defensive coaches put in plays, take out plays, or develop new packages based on the evaluation they have formed from the opposing team. Players are given their specific scouting report. It is each player's job to know what the coaches have spent hours putting together. They have less than eight hours to know the new plays, because the team will begin practicing at 4: 15.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, practice is relatively similar. Each coach has a detailed itinerary of each day of practice. Each drill ends exactly when the schedule says. Everything is efficient at practice. There are no breaks. Players sprint to the next drill. The coaching staff demands maximum effort. The team cannot afford to waste time because each minute in preparation for the upcoming weekend is priceless.

At the beginning of practice, the team does their form run. Once they get warmed up, they do partner stretching. Offense then goes to tempo, where the offense runs their own plays without opposition from the defense. Players on offense are concerned about running proper routes, maintaining mechanics, and ironing out any minor kinks before the defense lines up against them. After the offense and defense run their own plays, the team breaks up into even smaller groups. The position players go to their individual drills. Each position player has the benefit to spend time with his own coach. Running backs do agility drills, wide receivers stress form with catches and routes, and linebackers run simulated plays.

Then the offense goes to inside--comprised of offense and defensive players without the wide receivers and defensive backs. The wide receivers and defensive backs go aside and do more drills and run routes.

Finally, everyone comes together and does 18 team plays each. Then they work on special teams, more team play. "Skelly" is next, which is all passing plays, but offensive and defensive lineman do not participate.

And then, after all the drills, running, and plays, the team runs. And they run. And they run.

No one said football was easy. These guy love the game.

Oh, I forgot one thing about this week of practice: on Tuesday-Thursday, it was snowing and raining. It was muddy, cold, and wet. I was bundled up, and I froze. I left the practice early. The players and coaches didn't have the luxury that I had. Each person stayed until dark, and it got colder, more wet, and more miserable. Why? Because these guys believe: in the coaches, in each other, and in themselves. They will give it their all, whether it's 70 and sunny out, or whether it's 10 degrees and snowing.

I was fortunate enough to eat with the team during its Friday dinner. Everyone comes into the Bundy Dining Hall at 7:00. Not one person is late. I asked a player what happened if someone was late to team dinner. He just looked at me. Apparently my question didn't even deserve a response. Everyone is on time at every meal, practice, or team meeting. The coaching staff has made it a priority to demand punctuality from each player.

We all sat down and had a soda. Everyone seemed to be in high spirits. Guys were relaxed. And there are no cliques on this football team. Whether affiliated or unaffiliated with a particular society, it didn't matter. Guys from DU, TDX, Psi U, and non-affiliated guys sat at the tables together. There is only one society during the season: football. Everyone pushes it aside during the season because they realize that not becoming one group can wear on the team from within. I never realized how tight these guys are until I had dinner with them.

They were fortunate to have a member of Hamilton's undefeated team (1956) to give the motivational speech for the week. Every set of eyes looked to this man for wisdom and inspiration. You could hear a pin drop. Some guys kept their heads down during the speech; not out of disrespect, but to get prepared for tomorrow's game. And you know what, football was not the focus of the talk. I mean, everything he said could be related to football. But he was more concerned about the bigger picture: life. He stressed that each football player should concentrate on becoming a better man, much more important than becoming a better football player.

You leave that dinner feeling refreshed. Whatever concerns you have coming into the team dinner are gone you leave. The guys are ready to go. It starts early. You can see it in each player and coach's eyes. They're ready for battle. And the worst part is, they have to wait 14 hours to engage. But they're ready.

At 10:00 on Saturday morning, the team congregates at McEwen for team breakfast. Once again, everyone was on time. I sat with a group of guys who were upbeat, but still talked football. Some players were studying playbooks. Others were listening to music, getting in their own zone three hours before kickoff. Despite everyone's distinct rituals at team breakfast, one thing was evident: these guys were ready to play football. I didn't see the funny or amusing guys from the night before. Guys realize that in 3 hours, all the work they've put in during the week will surface. They need to forget about mechanics, and little specifics; throw all that crap out the window, just go out and play.

After breakfast, the team takes its walk through the campus and into the chapel. This is perhaps the most moving 30 minutes a football player experiences during the week. Whether it's planned or not, the team marches to the chapel in two lines. Each person takes their hats, headphones, or sunglasses off. It's time to take 10 minutes and reflect. Whether you believe in one god, or more than one god, or a different type of being, it doesn't matter. Each person takes this 10 minutes very seriously. Some guys bow their heads, others look straight ahead. Some guys gives thanks, other guys have a shopping list of requests, and some guys get motivated.

As far as I'm concerned, this is considered kickoff. From this point on, it's all business. Watching these players and coaches in the chapel makes you want to throw on pads and get out there. Each guy, in a little over an hour, will go out there and pour out sweat, blood and tears for sixty minutes of football. Each person on this roster has a role. Even if a player won't see a lick of playing time, he is just as valuable an asset as a starter. And these guys have to be ready because if someone gets hurts, their number could be called.

Coach Alvanos is the first to leave the chapel. Slowly, players and coaches follow him outside. I wait; I want to see each set of eyes when they leave the chapel. I figure they've already headed to the locker room to get ready. I was wrong. Everyone was waiting patiently and quietly outside the chapel. Why? Everything is done as a team. They enter the chapel as a team, and leave the chapel as a team. If someone needs more time to re-

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